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NEWSMAKER: TREVOR MCCARTHY

February 2013

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The infusion of slots revenue and the new 10-Year Agreement for Racing in Maryland is jump starting interest in racing Maryland-Breds. Start with these 2 young stallions.

ELLEN PONS (3)

ADAM COGLIANESE

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A.P. Indy's son is out of Gr. I-winner BOLLINGER (Aus).
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80 foals due in first crop this spring.
Owned by Country Life, Vinery, and Rick Porter.
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Cal Nation's dam She's a Winner is by A.P. Indy and dam of Gr. I winner BLUEGRASS CAT. Broke his maiden by 7¾ lengths in first start. Placed in graded stakes. Son of Distorted Humor. Owned by WinStar and Country Life. WinStar is breeding 5 mares who will reside in Maryland to foal in 2014.
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BODEMEISTER

2012 Top Earner: $1,304,800

2009 Bay Colt (Empire Maker—Untouched Talent, by Storm Cat)
Bred by Audley Farm, Inc.

REDEEMED: $348,000
2008 Bay Horse (Include—Early Mass, by Pleasant Tap)
Breeder: Morgan's Ford Farm, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Chatfield-Taylor

BLUESKIESNRAINBOWS: $213,382
2009 Chestnut Colt (English Channel—Cho Cho San, by Deputy Minister)
Breeder: Edward P. Evans

CAMP VICTORY: $210,000
2007 Dark Bay/Brown Gelding (Forest Camp—Victory Trick, by Clever Trick)
Breeder: Atkins Homes, Inc.

DOMINUS: $206,388
2008 Dark Bay/Brown Horse (Smart Strike—Cuando, by Lord At War-Arg)
Breeder: Edward P. Evans

PRIVATE TALE: $177,820
2008 Bay Gelding (Tale of the Cat—Taint, by Private Account)
Breeder: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zureick, Mr. and Mrs. George Rayborn and Dr. William Russell

STIRRED UP: $173,160
2009 Bay Ridgling (Lemon Drop Kid—Summer Delight, by Quiet American)
Breeder: Lazy Lane Farms, Inc.

NORTH FREEWAY: $150,590
2008 Dark Bay/Brown Mare (Jump Start—Shawnee Country, by Chief's Crown)
Breeder: Morgan's Ford Farm

CENTRIQUE: $150,180
2009 Bay Filly (Malibu Moon—Penny Marie, by Sky Classic)
Breeder: Lazy Lane Farms, Inc.

DANNHAUSER: $142,245
2008 Chestnut Horse (Johannesburg—Hatpin, by Smart Strike)
Breeder: Audley Farm, Inc.

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Put Your Money On These Exceptional Pennsylvania Stallions in 2013

ALBERT THE GREAT

Go for Gin – Bright Feather, by Fappiano

- G1 winner of $3 Million; won FIVE graded stakes and had a career high Beyer Figure of 119
- Won Jockey Club Gold Cup-G1 as 3YO; set NTR for 1 1/16 miles winning Widener H.-G3
- Placed in Breeders' Cup Classic-G1, Travers S.-G1, Whitney H.-G1, etc.
- Sire of FIVE G1 SWs, including **NOBIZ LIKE SHOBIZ** (6-time GSW) and **ALBERTUS MAXIMUS**, plus 2012 stakes horses **GREATLOOKINBLONDE** and **Bet the Power**

2013 Fee: $2,500 live foal ($2,000 if a second mare is bred to another Pin Oak Lane Farm stallion)

LITE THE FUSE

Buckaroo – Annie's Dream, by Droll Role

- $1 Million earner won Carter H.-G1, twice, Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash S.-G2, twice, Tom Fool S.-G2, Bold Ruler H.-G3, etc.
- Sire of 36 stakes horses, 22 stakes winners, including top performers **GOING BALLISTIC** (Super Derby-G2), Canadian Classic winner **ABLO, FUSE IT** (won 7 stakes), **FEROCIOUS WON** (won Belmont's Mike Lee S.), **SUPER FUSE** (multiple SW and graded placed), **FEROCIOUS FIRES** (SW at Saratoga, Belmont, Aqueduct)
- Sire of 65+ Earners of $100,000 and progeny earnings over $22.5 Million

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MORE SMOKE

Smoke Glacken – Saunter, by Strolling Along

- Winner of Keeneland's Lafayette S.-G3, wire-to-wire by 14 1/2 lengths posting a 112 Beyer
- Won 7 of 15 starts, including Pimlico's Dancing Count S., by 3 3/4 lengths, and Monmouth's Select S. by 5 lengths
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ROCKPORT HARBOR

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- Top 5 Third Crop Sire in 2012 and #1 in Northeast/Mid-Atlantic with earnings of $3.9 Million
- $8.7 Million Lifetime Earnings
- 22 Stakes Horses in only three crops (11 in 2012), including **MAY DAY ROSE** ($391,620, GSW on dirt and AWT), **PATAKY KID** (2012 GSW 2YO), **HARBOR MIST**

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Feb. 23	$75,000 + $50,000 Md-bred	MARYLAND RACING MEDIA	f & m, 3 & up	1⅛ mi.
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WINTER WONDERLAND. A brief December snowstorm enveloped a horse and its humans during morning training at the Fair Hill Training Center in Maryland.

Kathee Rengert photo

HISTORIC HONOR PASSES FROM LORD AVIE TO FLATTERER

There was no torch-passing, but you could feel it as the oldest living Eclipse Award winner Lord Avie died in late December at 34.

The former champion and pensioned sire died in his paddock at Blue Ridge Farm in Upperville, Va. To the north 160 miles, four-time steeplechase champion Flatterer took his place while standing in a paddock at owner/breeder Bill Pape's My Way Farm in Unionville, Pa. Now 34, Flatterer takes up the honor of being Thoroughbred racing's most senior champion.

Lord Avie and Flatterer probably never crossed paths–unless Pape and trainer Jonathan Sheppard had their future star at Saratoga as a 2-year-old in 1981, the year Lord Avie finished third in the Grade 1 Travers–but they'll be forever linked now.

"Too bad, I had just read something about him too," said Pape when informed of Lord Avie's passing. "I know how that feels. It's tough on you when they go, no matter how old they are."

As for Flatterer, Pape put it best when he said "the old dude is in good form." The Hall of Famer shares a field with retired broodmare My Tombola (she's 24) and looked healthy and vibrant during a cold afternoon visit in January. Predictably furry with a winter coat, the Pennsylvania-bred carried plenty of weight, moved agreeably for a photograph and lapped up the attention. There's a shed in the field, but he and his companion spend most of their time outside, watching the world go by and listening to the sounds of the countryside–mainly geese, cows and roosters. Flatterer is still a dark, dark bay with a lighter bay muzzle. He's got a soft, warm eye though there are some gray hairs on his jaw and some white hairs on his left front shin.

"He does well for his age," said Pape, who bred the horse with Sheppard. "He's got a light blanket he wears in the spring and fall and a heavier winter blanket for the cold. He's living a pretty good life."

Pape laughed about a recent encounter with some deer at My Way. The visitors galloped through the farm, jumping fences and drawing attention from the equine residents. Like the others, Flatterer and My Tombola got a little stirred up and circled their field with gusto. Twenty-five years removed from his last race, Flatterer normally moves like his owner, steady but nice and slow. Not that day.

MAGGIE KIMMITT

Steeplechase legend Flatterer, now 34, is the oldest Eclipse Award winner.

"He was having fun with it, you could tell," said Pape. "He showed a whole new gear. I think he'd been laying in the weeds on us, saving it up."

Foaled in 1979, the son of Mo Bay made his career debut on the flat at Aqueduct in 1982. He won three Pennsylvania-bred races at Keystone that year and won a claimer at the Meadowlands as part of an 18-start campaign. In 1983, he won his first jump start–launching a string of four consecutive championships at ages 4-7. Flatterer won four Colonial Cups, carried 176 pounds to victory at Radnor in 1986 and twice finished second in international championship hurdle races–French in 1986 and English in 1987. He earned $538,708 and was inducted into Thoroughbred racing's Hall of Fame in 1994.

Barbara Curtis is responsible for Flatterer's daily care, and he gets fed twice a day–sharing (somewhat amicably) his grain and corn with My Tombola.

"He's a very sweet, dear old man and I'm very fond of him," she said.

Patricia Ramey said the same thing about Lord Avie, a son of Maryland sire Lord Gaylord who lived at Blue Ridge since 2002. The champion juvenile of 1980 raced for SKS Stable and trainer Danny Perlsweig, winning the Cowdin-G2, Champagne-G1 and Young America Stakes-G1 at 2, and adding the Florida Derby-G1 at 3. He missed the 1981 Kentucky Derby-G1, but returned to finish second in the Grade 1 Haskell and third in the Travers. As a stallion, the Kentucky-bred stood at Spendthrift and Lane's End in Kentucky, siring 78 stakes winners, including two international champions, $2.5-million earner Cloudy's Knight and Pennsylvania-bred flat/steeplechase stakes winner Lord Zada.

In retirement, Lord Avie was visited twice a year by Perlsweig and was cared for throughout by Ramey.

"The best way to put it and it makes me cry to talk about it," Ramey said a week after Lord Avie died. "He captured my heart. He was just so full of life and was just a wonderful, wonderful horse. Simple little things just made him so happy. I miss him dearly."

Lord Avie was euthanized in his paddock Dec. 28, a sad day at Blue Ridge but one that did little to diminish anything about the old stallion. Healthy late in life other than some teeth problems, Lord Avie had stopped eating, Ramey said. The end, which came with a last visit from his son Boyce (also retired on the farm), was peaceful.

"It was a beautiful, sunny afternoon; he didn't suffer and wasn't in any pain," Ramey said. "He'd had a couple of bad teeth and we had to pull them a couple of years ago. He went off his feed a little then, but this was different. The look was gone in his eye. He was so alive that you could tell he wasn't the same. He was tired." */Joe Clancy*

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GO FIGURE

2: Consecutive years Charles Town has set a record for average daily handle, taking in $1,001,938 per card in 2012 (all sources).

20.6: Percent increase in average daily handle at Penn National in 2012. The track took in $1,013,422 per card (all sources).

7.5: Percent increase in average daily handle at Maryland Jockey Club tracks (Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course) in 2012. The number reached $2,439,500 per card (all sources).

9: Wins (in 14 starts) by Hello Lover at Parx Racing in 2012. He lost all three tries away from the Pennsylvania track.

6: Trainers whose horses earned more than $1 million at Penn National in 2012—Jamie Ness, Tim Kreiser, Flint Stites, Stephanie Beattie, David Wells and Bernie Houghton.

20: Christmas cards received by Lord Avie in 2012.

EUROPEAN CHAMP SELKIRK DIES AT 25

Two-time European champion miler Selkirk, bred in Pennsylvania and campaigned by George Strawbridge Jr., died Jan. 3 at Lanwades Stud in England.

The son of Sharpen Up (GB) and Strawbridge's famed mare Annie Edge (Ire) won six of 15 starts for trainer Ian Balding, including the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot in 1991. In his only American start, Selkirk finished fifth behind Lure in the Breeders' Cup Mile-G1 of 1992 at Gulfstream Park.

Retired to stud, Selkirk has sired 92 stakes winners from 1,051 foals, including 15 Group or Grade 1 winners. His final crop are yearlings from a limited book in 2011.

DON'T TELL RAY LEWIS

At Charles Town in December, Maryland-bred **Punch Like a Girl** defeated Maryland-bred **Play Like a Raven** by a head.

SIRE PRODUCTION

DOUBLE WHAMMY: **E DUBAI**, who stands at Northview PA, is the sire of **FORT LARNED**, the richest runner in North America in 2012 (with $3,598,455), and **WINNING DUBAI**, who tied as North America's winningest runner, with 10 victories from 20 starts (all in Puerto Rico).

SON TOPS THE LIST: **SAGINAW** also tied as North America's winningest runner with 10 victories—including six in stakes in New York. He earned $515,150 during the year. His sire **PERUVIAN** (by Conquistador Cielo) moved to Chestnut Hill Farm in West Virginia in 2012.

MEGA-MILLIONS:: **NOT FOR LOVE**, the all-time leading Mid-Atlantic sire, had progeny earnings exceed $4 million for the 11th consecutive year. The 2012 leading earner for Northview Stallion Station's patriarch was graded stakes-placed **Hello Lover** ($304,495), who made at least one start a month, won nine times and placed in three stakes.

NAMES OF THE MONTH

Love Talk. Now 5, the son of Not For Love and Parlez (French for talk) saw action at Laurel Park late last year for Team Gaudet, winning twice in December.

Flavor. A stakes-winning son of Elusive Quality out of Right Spice, the Claiborne Farm product now races for Three M's Racing and won the first two starts of his 7-year-old season at Laurel in early January.

Sordid. Bred in Pennsylvania by Larry Karp, the now 3-year-old gelding is out of Perverse. Owned by Barlar LLC, he ran at Penn National in December.

Figpenn. The 4-year-old gelding, a stakes winner at 2, is owned by Ray Pennington and trained by Ollie Figgins. Bred in West Virginia by Pennington, the Charles Town regular has made all 19 career starts (through Jan. 2) at the track.

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1st Milesius S. 1 1/8 miles at Belmont by nearly 10 lengths
1st Oklahoma Derby 1 1/8 miles defeating Alternation, Prayer for Relief, etc.
2nd Amsterdam S.-G2 6 1/2f. at Saratoga to Caleb's Posse, defeating To Honor and Serve, Justin Phillip, etc.
2nd Smarty Jones S. 1 mile 70 yards to Wilburn
3rd Donn H-G1 1 1/8 miles at Gulfstream, 101 Beyer placing in Donn H.-G1, defeating Shackleford, Flat Out, Trickmeister, Ruler On Ice, etc.

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MAGIC ROLAND

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Stacie Eggleton has been there, done that. In a career now spanning four decades, the Monkton, Md., native has walked hots, traveled the country working for Hall of Fame trainers and breezed Breeders' Cup champions. Her resume includes the names Zito and Frankel, and she can share first-hand knowledge of morning mounts Theatrical (Ire), Broad Brush and Concern.

But the horse who makes Eggleton giddy is a quirky 14-year-old gelding with a record so unremarkable that trainer Holly Robinson half-jokingly nicknamed him "Wasted Air."

The Jockey Club prefers to call him Magic Roland, and his Maryland roots run deep. Bred and owned by Richard Blue Jr., the son of Grade 1 winner Norquestor was the first foal of the Baederwood mare Rooteen, a full-sister to Blue's gritty graded stakes winner Root Boy. But the similarities stopped there. Trained in his three starts by Ann Merryman, Magic Roland was unanimously and unequivocally considered one of the most talentless horses Merryman and business partner Robinson had ever had in their barn.

"At no time," said Robinson, "did he ever show any ability at all. He was a nervous wreck, so we tried to be gentle and kind, but that just made him worse. And I think he was trying, but it was like a kid being asked to do something that he's really not capable of doing."

His statistics bear it out: never better than sixth, he earned $160 before Merryman and Blue pulled the plug in the summer of 2002.

Eggleton, by then, had long since returned to Maryland and resumed work for Merryman at The Orebanks in Sparks. Merryman and Robinson are renowned for repurposing their retirees into solid foxhunters and Eggleton plays an integral role in the process. She popped Magic Roland over a few small logs, realized he was full of jump, and the deal was sealed.

"Ann told me he was sound and he looked good," Eggleton said. "He used to dump everyone when he was in training; he would wheel and throw them. He's just insecure like that. But at the farm, Magic Roland got it right away. I'm not saying he's the prettiest jumper you'll see, but he's very safe."

So safe that even Merryman relishes the opportunity to hunt him. This winter, for a joint meet between the Elkridge-Harford and Green Spring Valley hounds, Eggleton took a green horse while Merryman rode Magic Roland.

"It was a screaming day; we were flying," Eggleton said. Merryman went along for the ride and told her friend, "Who would've ever thought that I would love this horse? He's safe, he's nice and he's my kind of horse."

Honest, in-demand foxhunter is just one of the sturdy bay's many trades. He was outrider Frank Durkee's mount at

last year's Elkridge-Harford Point-to-Point and My Lady's Manor races. He has twice been part of the winning team for optimum time at the Foxhall Team Chase. At The Orebanks, he's a trusted babysitter to layups, and Merryman "would pony off of him all day long." Happiest in the company of other horses, his former insecurities rarely surface. And after more than 10 years together, Eggleton knows all of his buckles and kinks. "I've been able to do so many different things with him," she said, "and I just love it."

Different barely covers it. During Preakness Week 2004, Magic Roland filled the role of War Admiral in Pimlico's re-enactment of the match race from the movie *Seabiscuit*. Sent back to Pimlico for a brief stint to get re-acclimated, Magic Roland rapidly reverted to his former self. His meltdown in the paddock on performance day prompted Robinson to deadpan "And that's why I never wanted to see this horse again." He pulled it together when it counted, though, playing his part with expert timing and professionalism under former jockey/now agent Frank Douglas.

Fast forward to 2011. When the advertising agency producing the Kegasus campaign for the Preakness needed a live equine model, racing secretary Georganne Hale wasted no time drafting her good friend Eggleton and Magic Roland. Naturally, it was unknown territory.

"The first time was at Pimlico; they just needed him in the stall," Eggleton said. "And it was pretty funny because these people really didn't know anything about horses."

One rookie mistake the film crew made was hanging sheets of plastic around the stall—on a windy day—and then expecting the horse to placidly hang his head out for the shot. With the wide-eyed Magic Roland plastered against the back wall, Eggleton and Merryman couldn't keep straight faces as they used their shoulders against his rump to try to push him toward the stall door.

The horse was recast in 2012, and filming moved to a more sophisticated set in a studio in Hunt Valley, complete with green screen and various sets and shooting locations.

"He was in three different scenes over two days, which took forever," Eggleton said. "For the first one, I had to walk him up a ramp and stand there. Then in the next scene, he was in a living room on a carpet while this guy had to dance beside him. And I had to make him move back and forth like he was dancing. Magic was getting a little upset about that, but luckily we had blinkers in the truck which we put on him, and I put cotton in his ears. So then the guy did a spin and fell right under the horse. And they actually asked, 'Can you make him swish his tail?' I was like 'Uh, NO.'"

It's a story that could very easily have had a less than happy ending. In the wrong hands, horses like Magic Roland all too frequently fall between the cracks. Even Robinson finally gives up and admits that the pair have always been the perfect match.

"I give Stacie a really hard time about him; I don't cut her any slack," she said. "But she adores him, and the horse is as sweet as he can be. And as I've always told her, 'Everybody's got to have one friend, and I'm glad Magic Roland has you.'"

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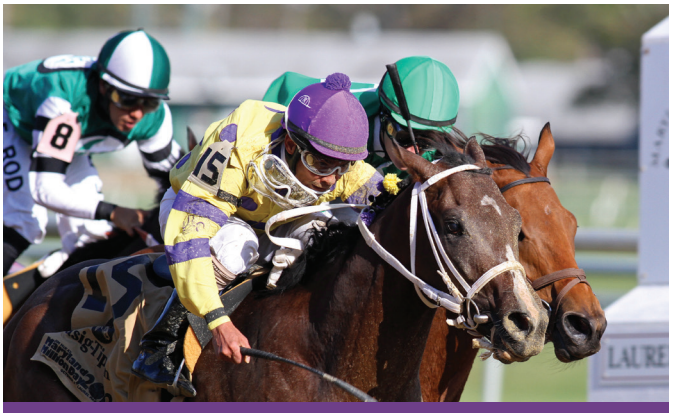

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Paying respects to one of the greats in game

When the calendar clicked over to Jan. 1 and the great steeplechaser Flatterer turned 34, I had to go see him. To say hello, to say thanks, to honor him, to apologize. I took care of all four.

Hello was easy. In response, I got a nice rub from his fuzzy dark bay head. In a field in the back corner of a farm in Unionville, Pa., he lives on with a grace, a warmth, an appreciation few Thoroughbreds get to experience.

Thanking was simple too. I told him how much I appreciated the memories, the performances from Belmont to Camden, Cheltenham to Auteuil, Keystone to the inner dirt at Aqueduct. Any Thoroughbred aficionado should take the time to thank the athletes, especially one that did as much as he did for the sport.

Honor was a privilege. He's a Hall of Famer, a four-time champion, an American record-holder for winning with a 176-pound impost at Radnor in 1986 and now–with the passing of Lord Avie in late December–the world's oldest Eclipse Award winner. It felt a little like visiting the pope or the Dalai Lama.

The apology came a little harder. Back in 1987, I led Gogong to the paddock for the $25,000 Sport Council Handicap at the Middleburg Spring meet in Virginia. Fresh off a Carolina Cup win three weeks earlier, the gray New Zealand import was a decided underdog against the best in the game. Gogong, trained by my father for Augustin Stable, went to the front and never looked back–downing the American champion, one of the best of all time.

I was 22, about to graduate from college, just dating my wife. I'm sure I whooped, shrieked and ran up the stretch to high-five jockey Gregg Morris, who hatched the concept of going to the front after coming from well off the pace in the Carolina Cup. We were so happy, so proud, so blown away by it all. We beat Flatterer, who gave English great See You Then all he could handle in the Champion Hurdle a month earlier at Cheltenham. We knocked off the champ which–even for a day–made us feel like champs.

Looking back, it all seems a bit hollow. Flatterer carried 178 pounds that day, 28 more than Gogong, and finished third going 2⅛ miles. Twenty-eight pounds. Two stone to the English. Three-and-a-half gallons of milk. Imagine. And trainers today complain about a pound or two one way or the other.

I didn't think about the weight then, and I'm not even sure I knew it at the time. Now, it feels like some sort of mistake. Really? They let that happen? Gogong was a good horse; there's no way he should have gotten that much weight.

But Flatterer was different. Sheppard and owner Bill Pape challenged their horse. They let him carry weight, took him to France and England to tangle with the world's best, didn't avoid handicaps. As a 3-year-old in 1982, he started 18 times. He began the following year as a steeplechase maiden and finished as a champion with three season-ending open stakes triumphs. In 1985, Flatterer ran in the New York Turf Writers Cup on the flat – after the jump race was canceled because nobody wanted to run against the sport's star. He finished third. His 1986 campaign might be one of the best ever–with stakes wins at Atlanta (carrying 173 pounds) and Radnor (176) in the spring, a second in the French Champion Hurdle at Auteuil in late June and a 17-length filleting of the Colonial Cup in November. His final season, 1987, started with a second in the English Champion Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival (heady stuff for a Yank). Flatterer avenged the loss to Gogong in the $100,000 Iroquois to earn a summer vacation. Brought back for a try at the Breeders' Cup Steeplechase at Fair Hill in October, he bowed a tendon in the race and never started again.

Flatterer finished with a record $421,146 in American steeplechase earnings. The Pennsylvania-bred (by Mo Bay out of a Nade mare) did some dressage for a while, kept busy, even made a ceremonial appearance or two at the races. He doesn't do much these days other than share his field with a retired broodmare 10 years his junior. He's dirty, hairy, loved. And appreciated. Thanks champ, and I'm sorry. ✹

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Change of Pace

After building a Thoroughbred business in Pennsylvania, Abbotts make plans for the future

By Joe Clancy

Go back to the beginning.

Rick and Dixie Abbott rented a small farm at Whitehorse, the tiny crossroads near the Radnor Hunt Club grounds in Pennsylvania. The place with the long-retired stone blacksmith shop at the intersection of Providence and Goshen Roads. Their one client, the Wetherill family, boarded horses there. Show horses. The rent was $500 a month. Rick's job as a judge's clerk came with a $7,500 annual salary. When he wasn't putting his Villanova law degree to work for Judge D.T. Marrone, Rick taught Peter Wetherill how to be a show rider. Dixie ran the barn, rode the young horses, traveled to the horse shows on weekends. Young, fresh out of school, just married, productive, the Abbotts were on their way.

"We were working for the Wetherills at their farm across the street and they decided it would be cheaper to pay board on the horses rather than keep the farm with employees," said Rick. "That was my dream place, that farm. Ronnie and Betsy Houghton were there when I was a kid. I loved that farm. But I didn't have any idea how we were going to make it work."

Abbott's father, as fathers do, helped find the way when he asked his son what would happen if the Wetherills changed their minds again and went another direction. Ever since, at that small farm at Whitehorse all those years ago or at their home for the last 32 years on the other side of Chester County, the Abbotts have maintained a broad base of clients and a flexible, productive business model. Charlton, Dixie Abbott's maiden name, is the region's premier sales consignor and home to some of the region's best broodmares. The Abbotts are regularly the first call for mare owners and breeders looking for advice, yearling sellers looking for an outlet, politicians looking for guidance, anyone with a connection to Thoroughbred racing in Pennsylvania or the Mid-Atlantic as a whole.

And they're making big changes.

Charlton, 157 acres of working horse farm between the estates of Unionville and the farm country of Cochranville and Parkesburg, is for sale. The Abbotts turn 65 this year and, while they're not retiring to Florida, will pare down the action on the farm and back away from the commitments that come with foaling 50 mares a year and running a commercial operation. The change will be gradual, unless something surprising happens and the farm sells quickly, and will come with some pain.

"We started talking about our future and we're not very good at delegating," said Dixie last fall. "We couldn't really see ourselves as owners letting someone else run the whole business. We just couldn't see being absentee owners, living on the farm but not having a lot of involvement—and Rick pictured me driving in the driveway and seeing a horse running the fence and going out to get him, or three mares in a paddock where there should only be two. It would just make you crazy to do it that way."

The Abbotts were 32 in 1980 when they bought Charlton. They raised a family, watched their two children grow up, find careers outside of horses, start families of their own. They also built a business, a hands-on business. Downsizing and selling the farm is the only real solution.

"When we told the kids, there were some tears and we cried, too," said Dixie. "We've done a lot here and I would say we've enjoyed every minute even though there's been some. . . stuff."

Starting at Saratoga

The Abbotts got their first real taste of the racing industry on a trip to Saratoga after their honeymoon. They knew horses—they met in pony club (Radnor for him; Rose Tree for her); she was an eventer; he was a show rider—and had a superficial knowledge of racing through the Wetherill

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Rick and Dixie Abbott's historic home (left) and the main barn are nestled in a Pennsylvania valley.

family (who bred Raise a Native and bred generations of quality Thoroughbreds). But a night at the Saratoga sales changed everything.

"How long has this been going on?" Rick Abbott said over the auctioneer's chatter, arena conversation and barn-area banter. He'd worked with young horses, knew how to get them ready and make them look good on the right day. In the early 1970s, they took a couple of horses to Timonium for the Wetherills. The Abbotts sat on a bale of straw all day and played cards, the horses sold and a business was truly born.

On the way home from a horse show in spring 1974, Rick bought a yearling filly for $1,200. The daughter of Sky Clipper went to Timonium four months later and brought $6,700 to top the yearling section of the Maryland Fall Mixed Sale and give Charlton its first pinhook. Still at Whitehorse then, the Abbotts tried to repeat the model. They bought weanling "projects and experiments" with big hocks, club feet, contracted tendons and tried to fix them, and sell them.

"There's nothing like having your own money in the game to make you learn the business," said Rick. "We thought we could fix anything."

They couldn't, but the business soon outgrew Whitehorse, as the area sprawled into neighborhoods and the open space shrunk. The Abbotts started shopping for property. Western Chester County was the only real option and they nearly bought a place on East Friendship Church Road in 1979. The area is just over the hill from Derry Meeting Farm, birthplace of Danzig and other stars, not far from the miles of former King Ranch land owned by George Strawbridge Jr. and his sister Diana. It's also on the outskirts of Amish country.

A year later, the Abbotts found their current home, across the street from that first potential purchase. Then owned by Susan and Doug Small, it had been a training/racing operation and the 95 acres included a converted dairy barn and plenty of turnout space. It wasn't small and iconic like Whitehorse, but with its historic house (1811), pond and isolated feel, the setting fit.

They moved to the new farm in August 1980. Two days later Rick took several mares to a sale in Arkansas for client Joe Imbesi.

"He left me here with 25 horses, two little kids and no food," Dixie said. "And I had no idea where the Acme was."

It's funny now.

As is Charlton's brief history as a stud farm. Rise Jim and Ringside made up the stallion roster. Heard of them? Yes or no, it's easy to see why the business didn't last. The former was the most accomplished Massachusetts-bred in history. The son of Jim J. won 27 races, including nine in a row at Rockingham Park and Suffolk Downs in 1978-'79. He won a Grade 2, placed in a Grade 1, earned $528,789 and was an abject failure at stud. His companion, a son of the great Sir Ivor, raced in the region for trainer John Forbes. He won five stakes and earned $302,647. Rick put together a group to buy Ringside, raced him, retired him to Charlton, promoted him as a stallion. And watched it all unravel.

Ringside got hurt early in his first season, didn't have many foals. Rise Jim never really found a foothold. Clients sent mares, but tired of the long-term commitment. The stallion business, at that level at that time, was a losing proposition.

"You're in this catch-22 because people call you and want to send you a mare," said Rick, launching a monologue. "You can't say no because you're trying to make a stallion. They send her, pay the board on her, she gets pregnant. Then they realize there's not going to be any outcome for three years. Eventually they stop paying and they give you the mare. What are you going to do? She's in foal to your stallion you're trying to make. She foals, and she's standing there and you've still got the stallion so you breed her again. You can end up with a worthless stallion, ruined mares and a farm full of weanlings, yearlings and 2-year-olds that are worthless."

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A central piece of Charlton, the farm pond offers a picturesque scene to visitors – human and equine.

Or maybe the Abbotts just weren't cut out for the stallion business. They saw the future, "bankruptcy" was Rick's word, and divested. They sent Rise Jim back to Massachusetts, sold Ringside and all those mares, concentrated on the sales prep and mare boarding.

"People tell you about all the tough things in this business, but I found standing stallions to be the toughest thing," said Rick. "It's different now with stallions in Pennsylvania, but in those days it was difficult. You've got to figure out what you do best and do it, and let everybody else do what they do best. There's enough business out there for all of us to be successful. If you try and do everything you don't do any of it well.

No more stallions

Rise Jim and Ringside behind them, the Abbotts concentrated on their other skills. For a while, Charlton was the place for Kentucky mares to spend time awaiting the courts of high-profile Windfields Farm stallions such as The Minstrel and Deputy Minister, an hour away in Chesapeake City, Md.

Rick had visions of buying more land and turning the place into "Spendthrift North." Then Windfields closed, the equine population at Charlton shrunk and other parts of the business paid for the pitchforks. The Abbotts foaled 10-12 mares a year, rarely went above 30 horses on the farm, bought weanlings to re-sell, continued to build a client base. Charlton found a piece of the Thoroughbred equation, boarding and foaling mares, raising young horses, sending them off to be broken or taking them to sales.

Like all of Pennsylvania's Thoroughbred industry, Charlton's numbers climbed with the talk of slots legislation coming to the state. The numbers rolled: 22 mares foaled, 26 mares foaled, 30 mares foaled, 40, 50, 56, 60. The farm added stall space, turnout sheds, paddocks. Rick served on the boards of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association and the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. He was chosen to be a state racing commissioner.

"I become involved in a lot of things off the farm to promote the visibility of the business," he said. "It's like belonging to the Rotary Club. You meet other people in the business and your name gets out. I was aggressive that way. Being on the commission may have hurt the business more than helped it but I really enjoyed it. That was an opportunity to use my legal brain in what I thought was a positive way. We did good things. I was pretty proud of what we did."

Those responsibilities dovetail with the couple's roles at Charlton. He runs the business – recruiting clients, strategizing about horses, providing pedigree expertise, making sales decisions. She runs the barn, oversees the horses, the farm staff. Despite the operation's size, one Abbott attends every foaling.

Their clients appreciate the combination of hands-on care and business acumen, which breeds loyalty. They get the horsemanship of Dixie and key employees Diane Kubilus and Liz Mitchell. They also get Rick, whose expertise spans law, markets, pedigrees.

"Rick loves, loves pedigrees and loves to talk about it," said Dixie. "People like to have him come visit, they trust him to build the consignments and help them make decisions with the horses."

"Dixie has a very intuitive feel for horses; sometimes I think she's more horse than woman," said Rick, borrowing a phrase from trainer John Forbes. "She has that horsemanship and she's taught it to Diane and Liz so they think like she does. And I defer to them on the horses. We have very few disagreements, probably because we stay out of each other's way."

While the horses are walking the fields, growing, learning, eating, dozing, Rick can be on the road, at a desk or on the phone. He visits clients, considers pedigree options, makes recommendations, works on it. He's a pedigree guy, sort of – blend-

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Charlton features plenty of turnout space – and a shed (right) built since slots came to Pennsylvania.

ing bloodlines, commercial appeal and gut feeling to recommend a mating, a sale, a decision.

The knowledge has deep roots. Abbott became interested in pedigrees through Cortright "Cortie" Wetherill Jr. Married to Ella Anne Widener, whose family was as prominent as any in racing, Wetherill was elected to The Jockey Club at 32 and served as a steward at Delaware Park. He campaigned Raise You, the stakes-winning dam of the great Raise a Native, and was connected to the highest levels of American racing.

Sold as a weanling at Keeneland to Keswick Stables for a then-record $22,000, Native Dancer's son Raise a Native won all four starts at 2 in 1963 and was retired with a tendon injury. He went on to sire Majestic Prince, Alydar, Exclusive Native and Mr. Prospector. Fellow owner/breeder Alfred Vanderbilt was a frequent guest at Wetherill's Happy Hill Farm and the two discussed racing in detail. Rick Abbott soaked it all up.

"He was a real pedigree guy and he got me into it," Rick said of Wetherill. "He was a wealthy guy, but he never had a lot of money to spend on horses so he really studied. He bred Raise a Native, so he bred to Native Dancer and a few horses, but by and large he bred to modest horses. I would just hang on every word."

The early education provided a foundation. Abbott built on it, honed his opinions. He's still working at it.

"I'm not one of these three-removes-from-the-fifth-dam kind of pedigree guys," he said. "My approach to pedigrees is very commercial because that's what we do. I'm always thinking about who's going to be popular in two years and that's a guessing game by and large. I look at if a stallion has had good horses through this family; that's what I'm looking for. I try to read those pedigree columns and my eyes roll back in my head. It's not my thing I guess."

Economics plays a big role. Through the old Matchmaker program, Abbott once bought a season to $15,000 stallion Gregorian for $3,500. The mare produced a superb colt, who turned heads at the sale. Abbott laughed to himself when a prospective buyer gave a dissertation on how clever the mating was.

"I'm showing the colt and this guy is there with an older couple who are obviously his clients and he's got a book, a big, looseleaf binder that he could barely hold, and he delivers this lecture on how perfect this breeding was," Abbott said. "All I could think about was $3,500. That's how clever I was. We got $50,000 for him. That was a nick of opportunity, nothing more."

A business matures

Through the years, the client base at Charlton has evolved with the flow of the industry, but like any long Thoroughbred business, familiar names abound.

Pennsylvania breeders Nina and Tim Gardner have been at Charlton for nearly 30 years. Mimi Thorington's mares foal at Charlton and her yearlings return to the farm for sales prep. Virginia powerhouse Audley Farm uses Charlton as a consignor at the Mid-Atlantic sales. Harvey Clarke, breeder of Kentucky Derby-G1 and Preakness Stakes-G1 winner I'll Have Another, is a client. Roy and Gretchen Jackson board mares at Charlton. Fitz Dixon and Adele Paxson trusted Charlton with their bloodstock decisions.

Charlton sold the sales-topper at Fasig-Tipton's recent Eastern Fall Yearling Sale, sold $2.5 million in horses as part of Dixon's dispersal, bred multiple timber champion Bubble Economy in partnership with the Gardners, sold nearly $1 million in babies from the $10,000 mare Christmas Strike. Graded stakes winner Sweet August Moon was born on the farm. Charlton sold graded stakes winners Palmeiro and Son of a Pistol, among others.

The Abbotts have their favorites, and the various successes are on the list, though sometimes more practical reasons come into play. The horses that paid for the driveway improvements, the new turnout sheds, the much-needed load of hay matter as much as any that went on to success at the track or in the sales ring.

"When he was training Afleet Alex, somebody asked Tim Ritchey about the pressure and he said pressure is when you're at Waterford Park and can't pay the feed man," said Rick. "That's the way it can be in this business. The horse that means the most to you might be the one who got you out of a jam or helped you pay a bill."

The Abbotts put their success back into the farm. They built residences for Kubilus and Mitchell, upgraded the paddocks, reconfigured the drive to help trucks reach the barn with a little less angst. The place hasn't changed all that much, however. The old milkhouse at the end of the barn is still the storage/tack room. The lunging shed at the other end still gets used, often. The 25-stall barn's center aisle still shows evidence of the drainage trench from its original use. Doug Small's homemade con-

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Chester County winters often produce plenty of snow–for the farm and the horses–at Charlton.

crete natural equine whirlpool stall still stands–it's a great conversation piece, but does not get used–behind the barn. Up over the hill, the new barn provides 12 stalls, round pens and some isolation. Paddocks flow around the big barn, larger fields give young horses places to run and mares places to rest.

Deeper, the fireplace stone in the house still shows 1811. The pond still provides the perfect backdrop for a conversation, a cup of coffee or the activity of four lively dogs. An old road, long since eroded into a cart/bridle path, divides the farm and provides an avenue for the tractor, the horses, the people to reach the far field. The three grandkids–ages 5, 3, and 2–rule when they visit.

Trees, left over from Rick's foray into the nursery business, line the driveway. A patch of quaking aspens clings to life down by the pond, half on a dare (they'd prefer a colder climate). When the wind is right, and only when it's right, the rumble of a truck from Route 10 rolls down the hill. Otherwise, the only sounds at Charlton are generated there–horses, dogs, walnuts hitting the ground, the bubbling of the spring that flows under the barn and out the other side.

Charlton never did become Spendthrift North, flunked out of the stallion business, never raised a classic winner (yet), but endures and thrives on hard work, passion for the industry, quality care.

"We stretched to buy this place, and it worked because we worked so hard at it," Dixie said. "We put everything back into the farm. We love it here and we're really torn. We don't want to leave."

But they're going to. The new version of Charlton will include fewer mares. The Abbotts hope to have 12 mares on the farm. Four, "maybe five," of their own and eight for family and close friends. The staff will shrink, as will the payroll, with the horse population. Though Charlton will still have sales consignments, the sales preparation will happen at other facilities and Rick will continue to advise clients on bloodstock matters along with chief assistant Debbie Moorfield.

"We're not retiring from the bloodstock business," said Rick. "A lot of it will continue full bore, but we're not going to foal mares and prep horses anymore. We can't just close down. The place shows better with horses on it, and we're not prepared to just walk away anyway."

Eventually, the grind of a farm full of horses–and all those details–will decrease. Maybe, maybe, Dixie will find a horse to ride. Maybe, maybe, the right buyer will come along but it could be a long time. Maybe, maybe, Rick and Dixie will take a few more trips. Maybe, just maybe, their children Carly and Red and their families will get used to the idea of not coming back to the farm for holidays and visits.

The future is there somewhere, and they've played out every scenario.

"We like to travel, we have grandchildren close enough by to visit," said Dixie. "We've been doing this for 40 years. It's been our home and our business for so long that it would be hard to stay involved but take away a part of it. We built a business because it was something we wanted to do. It's not something that would transfer to someone else very well. Our children don't want to do it. It's ours. We've been very fortunate, we love it here and we're really torn, but it's time." ✹

Wither the Garden State?

New Jersey breeders hang on in face of competition, business climate

By Lynne Snierson

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The advent of a new, young stallion would normally signal enthusiasm, optimism and hope. But these are hardly happy days for the Thoroughbred breeding industry in New Jersey.

Wildcat Brief, a 7-year-old graded stakes-placed son of Forest Wildcat who concluded his racing career last September with a sixth in an optional claiming race at Laurel Park, was slated to begin the 2013 breeding season at Walnford Stud in Allentown. As farm owner Joe Jennings, who also has seven-time New Jersey leading stallion Defrere in service there, was getting the accommodations ready, there were no streamers and confetti waiting to be unfurled.

"I'm bringing him in because my other stallion is getting old. Defrere is 21 now," Jennings said. "I've always liked Forest Wildcat horses. I'm going to breed my own mares to Wildcat Brief and if I do get some outside mares, so much the better. I don't have to tell you how bad the industry is here in this state."

Many observers maintain that it is sitting on the edge of extinction. With a reduction in live racing dates from 340 during the days of the old New Jersey circuit to 77 at present, no more multi-million dollar supplements from the in-state casino industry, no slot machines available on track, and nearby states New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and soon-to-come Ohio fueling big purses and large breeders' incentive programs with windfalls from the casinos, the owners and breeders in the Garden State are squeezed tightly at every turn.

Michael Campbell, the executive director of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey, addressed the considerable and difficult challenges the organization is confronting.

"We're surrounded by states – New York, Pennsylvania, and now Maryland – which have been able to enhance their purses or breeding fund, or both, by slot machine revenue. But that's only part of it. Those states have a year-round racing circuit and this year we only have 77 dates of live racing," he said. "If you take New York for example, their breeding program incentive is $17 million and ours is worth $1.7 million. Pennsylvania's is going to be $10 to $12 million, and maybe more than that. It's extremely difficult when you're trying to tell people why they should breed here in New Jersey."

The future will count on potential changes, the efforts of Campbell and his board and the loyalty of a handful of New Jersey Thoroughbred breeders. In mid-December, Nona Balaban was re-elected to a two-year term as president of the association's board of trustees. Robert Matthies, David Todd Wilkinson, Gerard Artz and Judith Batcha were elected to terms as board members.

The number of New Jersey-bred foals topped 1,000 in the mid-1980s, but has steadily decreased since. The 2010 crop includes just 228 registered foals, with 184 registered from the 2011 crop through early January 2013. In 1991, 80 registered stallions stood in the state. In 2011, the number was 18. Other proof is not so dependent on numbers. A visitor driving

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Joe Jennings

on Route 537 in the town of Colts Neck, once renowned for its breeding farms, now sees far more mansions in upscale housing developments than mares with their babies, weanlings and yearlings in paddocks.

"Unfortunately, there is no market for them anymore. It's really very sad," said Dianne Boyken, who owns 37-acre Four Winds Farm in Millstone Township. "With only 77 days of racing and the competition from the other states surrounding us, it's hard to get value. If your horse coughs or bucks a shin, then you're done for the year. I have a big farm where I used to foal about 30 mares a year. I'll only foal maybe eight or nine, and four of them will be my own, in 2013. I've been doing this for 34 years and it's very discouraging."

Boyken, who never replaced her only stallion Mo Mon after he died two years ago because she said she has no incentive to do so, said that last year she sent one mare to New York to be bred and this year she will send more.

"Although now I'm hearing (from many of the others in our organization) that Maryland may be the place to go because of all the incentives from the casino industry there," she said. "I used to have a very good livelihood up until the last couple of years but now most of my fields are empty. My big boarders left and went to New York. I'm kind of phasing out of the business. We just had a (breeders' association) meeting and they told us to hang in there for four or five years in the hopes that we can get slots or sports betting (at Monmouth), but that's a long time."

Defrere, a full-brother to champion Dehere, remains one of the best stallions New Jersey has to offer. His fee, which was recently $7,000, will be $2,000 this year. The fee for Wildcat Brief is $1,500.

"It's kind of hard to bring stallions here when the mare population isn't here to support it," said Campbell. "You don't have to travel far to send your mare to one of those other states with those large incentives. You can put your broodmare on a van and be in any one of them in two hours or less. It's not as though you have to take a long trip. We've made it easy on them. It's what we're forced to deal with now."

Jennings points the finger directly at Trenton.

"The politicians have come in and put a stranglehold on our industry," he said. "They are taking care of the casinos and don't care about us. Then again, it's really a shame that our industry can't take care of itself."

The 78-acre Walnford Stud is on the market and Jennings said that he has purchased property in Kentucky.

"Am I able to hang in here? Not really," he said in a voice tinged with sadness. "The guy who raises these horses on the farm has put three, four or five years into them before they even get to the races. It costs so much to stay here. That's why I bought in Kentucky. It's so much cheaper there. The taxes in New Jersey are unbelievable, as is everything else like wages and insurance that goes right along with them. It costs too much to keep a farm going if you don't have a (breeding and racing incentive) program that goes along with it."

Aside from the economic ramifications, it won't be easy for Jennings to pull up stakes and start over.

"I've been here all of my life. I was born and raised in this game and this is all I know. But I've watched the good times get washed away," he said. "It's a great sport, but it's also a very complicated business. It takes deep pockets and a lot of patience. A lot of people don't have that today. Or if they have the deep pockets, they no longer have the patience."

Nonetheless, the owner and trainer combination of third generation New Jersey horseman Gregg Sacco and Red Oak Stable principal John Brunetti are among those who still have both and are willing to invest. Both Jersey guys to the core, they are waiting and hoping for better days ahead. Brunetti, who also owns Hialeah Park in Miami, is still breeding horses in the state despite being surrounded by the steep competition. Nevertheless, Brunetti and his sons, John Jr. and Steve, who have followed their father into the business, do send some mares over the border into New York to drop their foals.

Sacco trains a high percentage of state-breds among the approximately 40 horses in his barn, and they see plenty of action during the state's short racing season at Monmouth Park, Atlantic City Race Course and the Meadowlands. The rest of the year, they must race against open company.

"The Jersey-bred program is now a little tenuous. We'll have to wait and see what the future holds," said Sacco. "I remain optimis-

tic. I'm not ready to pack my bags and leave the state yet."

Batcha owns Batcha Frams in Pennington, where Thoroughbreds are bred and boarded, and has an even sunnier take on the situation. She stands two young stallions she owns, Coastal Warning and Wild Court, and two others, Tin God and Some Kind of Tiger, for clients. None were stakes-caliber performers, though.

"We're trying to attract proven stallions into the state. We're hoping to attract some from New York, but I can't say who they are now," she said. "With our advertising campaign, which is under discussion at this time, we're trying to attract the 30-somethings from the New York area who have disposable income and get them out to the track and that's something I'd like to see. The Darby people (the horsemen's group operating Monmouth Park) are bright people with good ideas and money. They do have plans, but it's going to take time and hopefully the (breeding) industry will come back."

New Jersey-breds Park Avenue Ball, who competed in the Dirt Mile in the 2007 Breeders' Cup at Monmouth, Wild Gams, who ran in the Filly and Mare Sprint that same year, and Joey P., one of the most popular runners in Monmouth Park history, took on open company with success in recent years.

Park Avenue Ball currently stands at Sam Fieramosca's Colonial Farm in Colts Neck. On the website for the noted farm, which has been breeding and racing Thoroughbreds since 1950, the 2013 fees for Park Avenue Ball, Private Interview and Cable Boy are listed as "Free!"

"Obviously, there haven't been as many of them (top open-company competitors) as we'd like. As the foal crop decreases, the chances of getting some graded stakes winners out of them decreases as well," said Campbell. "But the breeders who are here want to be here and support the program. They are loyal to it, but loyalty can only go so far when there is that kind of money out there in the neighboring states. It's a business. They have to operate their farms and put food on the table."

As Monmouth Park continues to pursue sports betting on track and the introduction of new off-track wagering sites while holding out hope for the legalization of slots at the track to someday supplement purses, there is reason for the breeders to carry on.

"The other states turned their programs around pretty quickly once they got the slots. In Pennsylvania and New York they had good breeding programs. They kind of had what we had 10 to 12 years ago. Then they got turned right around and that's what we're hoping for. That's what we're hanging our hat on," said Campbell. "I love doing what I'm doing and I want this to succeed. I want things to get to the point where this program has never even been before. If we get slots, sports betting and the different things that the people at Monmouth Park are hoping for, this program can be extremely successful. That's what our president and the board of trustees and all of us are working for."

Added Batcha, "I'm optimistic. I have to be."

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Dianne Boyken (above left) used to foal 30 mares at her Four Winds Farm in Millstone Township, but will only have eight or nine this year. Gregg Sacco (right) trains for Red Oak Stable principal John Brunetti, whose stable includes state-breds despite the current downturn in New Jersey.

For racehorses, others, prevention is best plan when it comes to EPM

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EPM. Three letters that incite fear and worry in the minds of many a horseperson. Other than being aware that it causes neurologic symptoms, most horseowners don't really know what it is and why it is so worrisome.

Equine Protozoal Myeloencephalitis involves visible, abnormal neurologic signs resulting from the inflammation of the spinal cord, the brain or both. The inflammation is caused by a protozoal (single-cell) parasite. In the Mid-Atlantic region, almost all cases of EPM are caused by the protozoal species Sarcocystis neurona.

While it is not the horse, but the opossum, that is the normal host of S. neurona, it's estimated that about 60 percent of horses in the region will be exposed to S. neurona in their lifetimes. Even horses who live in clean barns and are turned out in well-kept pastures may come into contact with the protozoa when they eat food or drink water contaminated with opossum feces. The vast majority of these horses, however, never develop neurologic signs; they are considered "exposed" but do not have signs of central nervous system infection. It is the small number of horses unable to keep the protozoa from invading their central nervous systems that develop clinical signs of EPM.

I recommend only treating horses that show neurologic signs, even if they test positive for EPM. Veterinarians have looked at prophylactic treatment with EPM medications to prevent horses from developing clinical disease but the ideal treatment regimen is unknown, and since most horses will never develop the disease, it would not be cost-effective nor good medicine to put every horse in training on a prophylactic regimen.

We still cannot predict which horses will develop clinical EPM, which makes it difficult to provide recommendations for prevention, and there currently is no effective vaccination. Researchers are actively working to discover why these affected horses are unable to prevent the parasite from taking hold. The reason likely involves differing function of their immune systems compared to unaffected horses.

The best prevention strategy for EPM is to minimize the chance that the horse will come into contact with opossum feces—for example, by preventing opossum access to feed storage areas. Foals and weanlings are rarely affected by EPM and are not considered particularly at risk. Racehorses and broodmares may be at higher risk.

Broodmares frequently live in pastures to which opossums have access and therefore may be more likely to come into contact with the organism, and pregnancy is known to change immune function which may affect the horse's ability to fight off the protozoa. Treating broodmares that develop EPM requires special consideration as some of the treatments may harm the developing fetus.

Racehorses do not usually have the same pasture access as broodmares, but stress from their intense training, racing and shipping schedules may decrease their immune function, leaving them more susceptible to disease. In 2012, Virginia-based steeplechaser Demonstrative rebounded from EPM to compete successfully in Grade 1 company and vie for seasonal honors, while on the flat side Penn National-based stakes winner Clare Skies Ahead overcame EPM to win three times.

EPM can be a challenge to diagnose. One of the reasons for the difficulty is its ability to present with a variety of symptoms. Most commonly affected by the disease is the spinal cord, causing weakness or incoordination or both in one or more limbs. When only one limb is affected by EPM, the horse can appear lame. EPM is not, however, a very common cause of lameness.

A horse affected with EPM may have an asymmetric appearance as the result of significant muscle loss. If EPM affects the brain, the horse may become depressed, agitated or aggressive. The horse may even look as though it has suffered a stroke, with

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part of the face drooping. Some horses have difficulty eating and drinking, while others show severe balance loss.

If a horse is showing possible neurologic signs, a veterinarian should evaluate the horse as soon as possible. There are three steps in making a diagnosis of EPM. The first is to confirm that what is being observed is the result of neurologic disease, rather than of lameness. The veterinarian will do a complete neurologic examination of the horse, assessing its attitude, the nerves that control the structures of the head and body, and the horse's coordination and strength. Testing involves the horse walking with head elevated, walking while tail is pulled, backing, walking up and down hills with and without head elevated, sometimes walking over curbs or cavaletti poles.

If the veterinarian confirms that the horse is neurologic, the next step is ruling out other potential causes of neurologic disease, such as Wobblers (caused by malformation or arthritis of the neck bones) or West Nile Virus. X-rays and blood tests are often performed to rule out these disorders. Finally, the last step is to see if the horse has produced antibodies against S. neurona. The most common test is a blood test. Unfortunately, the blood test is unable to distinguish between a healthy horse that has been exposed to the protozoa but is not infected and a horse that is truly infected and has EPM; both test results will be positive.

Currently, the best way to test for EPM is to perform a spinal tap to collect a sample of the fluid that bathes the brain and spinal cord. Samples of spinal fluid and blood are then submitted for testing. This method allows differentiation of horses with EPM from healthy horses, as horses with EPM have proportionately higher levels of antibodies in their spinal fluid compared to their blood. Although it sounds scary, a spinal tap on a horse is a relatively simple procedure with minimal risk, when performed by an experienced clinician. Most of the time, the procedure is performed with the horse sedated and standing in stocks, and a long needle is used to obtain spinal fluid from the space near the top of the horse's rump. Results are usually available within a few days and predict whether the horse has EPM with approximately 90-percent accuracy.

Once a horse is diagnosed with EPM, several treatment options exist. There are several anti-protozoal medications, including pyrimethamine-sulfadiazine, ponazuril (Marquis), and diclazuril (Protazil). Anti-inflammatory medications such as flunixin meglumine (Banamine) or steroids are often used as well to reduce the inflammation incited by the presence of protozoa. Treatment is generally continued for at least a month and often several months.

Although most affected horses should not be ridden during the recovery period, ground-work and exercise are important parts of rehabilitation. More than 60 percent of horses improve with treatment, although only 15-20 percent will regain normal neurologic function, and many have residual deficits. EPM can be a devastating disease, but prompt diagnosis and treatment will increase the likelihood of a good recovery. ✹

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Stepping Forward

Somerset Racing, trainer Hammond, off to good start with new bloodstock venture

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Trainer Scott Hammond splits time between his barn and a job with Internatioanl Sound.

When a newly formed racing partnership wins a race off the claim, under the guidance of a trainer in his rookie season, it's easy to post a beginner's luck label on the achievement.

Not exactly.

Scott Hammond, the trainer for Maryland-based Somerset Racing LLC, may have only taken out his license in June and won his first race with his first starter, but he is no neophyte around the racetrack and with Thoroughbreds.

"My dad, Peter, was a steeplechase jockey who rode in the West Country and my mom was a stable girl so I grew up around it all," said the native of Somerset, England, which provided the nom de course for the current venture. "I graduated from West Oxfordshire Technical College, which is very difficult to get into it, where we studied every aspect of Thoroughbreds and racing."

During the equivalent of a student internship 20 years ago, Hammond came to Maryland to work for the Boniface family at Bonita Farm. After graduation, he went home and secured a job with Brick Kiln Stud, where he was actively involved with the entity's yearling sales in Ireland and England although he found the rest of the year "a little bit slow and boring." Still, the experience provided him with a wealth of contacts that would prove invaluable two decades later.

Frustrated by the lack of financial reward and opportunity in the United Kingdom, he left Brick Kiln and came back to Maryland and a job at Bonita. From there, he transitioned to the racetrack, working for trainer Jimmy Murphy (1997-2000) as an exercise rider and then as an assistant to Graham Motion (2001-'02) and Tim Tullock (2002-'12).

"My wife, Jessica, and I got married in September 2011. She's been in this business all of her life, too, and was always pushing me to go out on my own," Hammond said. "So that's what we did."

Jessica Ryley Hammond is the president of Somerset Racing and her brother, James Ryley III, is the chief executive officer. He has a degree in genetics and is experienced in running international businesses. The mix of talents has worked.

"We claimed our first horse, Belgian Beer, in May and he won first time out of the box for us (June 13), which was wonderful," said Hammond, who had three wins and one second from 12 starts by late December. "Then we claimed Mandatum in the fall and he raced three times and won once, at 49-1. At that time, we had only the two in the stable and we wanted to get a better class of horse."

That's where Hammond's connections to the sales game in England and Ireland came into play.

"I have very good contacts, including a lot of people I went to college with and Tommy McGivern (a former jump jockey and an Irish trainer), so we said let's go to the Goffs Horses in Training sale in Ireland (in October), where there are a lot of very well-bred horses coming through the ring," he explained. "We picked out Zabarajad (Ire), who was stakes-placed (as a 3-year-old in 2011), on the day of the sale and one of my contacts highly recommended him. He told us that the horse's only problem was that he was not going to get the ground (firm turf) that he wants over there. I love him; he's a gorgeous animal who was bred by the Aga Khan.

"As we were buying him, one of Dermot Weld's assistants came up and said he had a horse for us. His name is Cool Metallic (Ire) and he was bred by Moyglare Stud. His problem was that he had been carrying a lot of weight (up to 132 pounds) as a 2-year-old. I watched his races and he was obviously another who doesn't like deep, soft ground. We were lucky enough to get him for 18,000 guineas (about $23,000).

"We bought both in five minutes. Afterward, we went to the sale and the races in Newmarket (England) and everyone came up to us and told us they can't believe we got those two horses for that (small) amount of money. We never could have done it without Tommy."

The two Irish imports arrived in November and joined the pair claimed at the Maryland tracks to comprise Somerset's four-horse stable. The juvenile Cool Metallic finished second his first time out over Laurel's main track, and Zabarajad finished fourth in his American debut.

Somerset Racing hopes to expand its roster, and will rely on Hammond's horsemanship to do so – though the trainer's second job helps boost the stable as well. He moonlights as a director for International Sound, which coordinates Maryland Jockey Club video footage, and works in the television company's production truck at the track.

"It gives me an opportunity to watch the races all afternoon," said Hammond, who has been with the company for 15 years. "I'm very lucky in that when one of my horses is running, my supervisor will cover for me. When the two Irish horses ran, they told me to take the day off. I'm very hands-on with my horses and wanted to do everything, including the walk over, with them."

Hammond, who has yet to take on any outside clients despite some inquiries, is keeping his options open on both sides of the pond.

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Winning Image toook a commanding lead into the stretch, and stayed put to win the Willa On the Move Stakes for owner Martin Scafidi and trainer Michael Aro.

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A $1.3 million yearling purchase by Live Oak Plantation, Onepointhreekarats streaked home with a victory in the Thirty Eight Go Go Stakes for trainer Graham Motion.

"We have those relationships in Ireland and England and we will continue to develop them in the future," he said. "So far, it's all working out."

TWICE STAKES-PLACED IN WEEK, NUNN'S FILLY CHASES GOOD ONES

She didn't get her photo taken in the winner's circle after either the Dec. 15 Willa On the Move Stakes or the Thirty Eight Go Go Stakes a week later, but Withgreatpleasure delighted her trainer nevertheless by coming in a solid second in both efforts.

"Considering that she had just run in a stakes race only seven days before, she ran really great," said an elated David Nunn after Valerie and David Blethen's homebred was beaten 3½ lengths by Onepointhreekarats in the Thirty Eight Go Go while toting co-high weight of 124 pounds along with 2-5 favorite Bold Affair. "We beat Bold Affair (who came in third) and she won five stakes in Maryland and was coming in off two straight stakes wins at Laurel. They paid $1.3 million for the winner. The filly who beat her seven days ago (Winning Image) is really a nice filly, too, so I didn't get beat by just anybody in these two stakes."

Withgreatpleasure, who won the Unbridled Belle Stakes at Delaware Park in August, belongs in the conversation as the first stakes winner for Nunn and her owners/breeders.

"This filly is very, very special to us. Just one week before I said that I could not be more proud of her and now she's gone and done it again and I am even more proud of her," said Nunn. "She keeps knocking at the door and she wants to go for more. We were going to send her to the breeding shed after this race, but now we're going to give her a little bit of a break and bring her back with maybe more stakes at Laurel (during the 2013 winter meet)."

Winning Image went off in the $100,000 Willa On the Move as second choice to five-time stakes winner Red's Round Table. The latter hadn't run since February, but shadowed front-running Winning Image through the early stages. With Jose Caraballo looking for competition at the top of the stretch, Winning Image kicked away and led by 4 lengths before coasting home 1¾ lengths in front in 1:11.24 for 6 furlongs. Withgreatpleasure rallied strongly for second, with Made to Love Her third. Red's Round Table faded to last in the six-horse field.

Owned by Martin Scafidi, Kentucky-bred Winning Image, a daughter of Southern Image, won the eighth race of her career and pushed her career earnings to $390,837. Mike Aro trains the now 6-year-old mare, who halted a four-race losing streak going back to May.

As for Onepointhreekarats, the Graham Motion trainee romped through the lane under Jeremy Rose to become a stakes winner in her initial attempt in the Thirty Eight Go Go. The big effort followed scores in allowance company at Laurel in early November and Delaware in late September, each by more than 4 lengths.

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$1.3 million by Live Oak Plantation at the 2009 Keeneland September Yearling sale. She did not race until last year at 4, and finished the season with four wins in 10 outings. She needed four tries to break her maiden, which came on the turf at Churchill Downs in May, but bottomed out when 10th and last at Saratoga in late July. Switched back to dirt in the fall, she responded with the three consecutive wins.

"I think she just had baby issues. You get over one, and then whoops, here comes the next one," said owner Charlotte Weber about the filly's late racing start. "I have a reputation in the industry for having a lot of patience. It does pay off sometimes, and I certainly hope that will be the case with this filly. I am so excited about her."

Weber has good reason. Sent off as the second choice behind heavy favorite Bold Affair, Onepointhreekarats stalked the pace of Whatabootie early, and led through 6 furlong in 1:13 before drawing away in the stretch to get a mile in 1:38.42. Withgreatpleasure again closed well late, and was 2 lengths clear of Bold Affair in third.

"I think that she's really on the improve and that race (Thirty Eight Go Go) was a big step for her," said Motion, who conditions the filly at the Fair Hill Training Center. "I've talked it over with Mrs. Weber and although I don't like to look much beyond this race, I certainly think that coming off this we'd like to try her in a graded stakes race over the winter."

NEWS AND NOTES

■ Trainer Nick Canani and Called to Serve ventured south from New York to tackle the $100,000 Broad Brush Stakes as part of the New Year's Eve card–and proved to be the life of the party with a 5¾-length romp as the heavy favorite. Facing older runners for the first time, the son of Afleet Alex maneuvered off the rail from fourth down the backside, then collared veteran Eighttofasttocatch in the stretch before drawing off in a duplication of a victory in the Grade 3 Discovery Handicap at Aqueduct one start earlier.

Owned by Marc Ferrell, the well-traveled Called to Serve raced with trainers David Hofmans and Peter Eurton in California early in 2012, came east to finish third in Mountaineer's West Virginia Derby-G3, then shipped to Remington Park and was third in the Oklahoma Derby. Ferrell sent the gelding to Canani's Belmont Park base in October and was immediately rewarded as Call to Serve finished second in the Temperence Hill Stakes before adding the Discovery and Broad Brush.

At Laurel, Called to Serve and Joel Rosario broke from the rail and allowed second choice Eighttofasttocatch to set the pace through a quarter mile in 24.66 seconds and a half in :48.67. Rosario found room off the rail leaving the backside, and Called to Serve responded when asked–proving much the best and stopping the clock in 1:50.75 for 1⅛ miles en route to potential Grade 1 starts this year. Eighttofasttocatch was 5 lengths clear of Hughes Next in third.

Ferrell purchased the winner as a yearling for $290,000 at the 2010 Keeneland September sale. The dark bay finished 2012 with four wins (two in stakes) from 11 career starts and $365,430 earned.

■ Il Villano splashed home with a front-running victory in the $100,000 Dave's Friend Stakes Dec. 29. Owned by Chuck Russo and trained at Parx Racing by Susan Crowell, the gray carried Kendrick Carmouche to the lead at the start and won by 3 lengths in 1:11.20 for 6 furlongs over a sloppy track. Immortal Eyes claimed second, a neck in front of Wolfcamp. Beaten a nose when second to Action Andy in the Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash at Laurel in October, Il Villano improved to 5-for-13 lifetime and pushed his career bankroll to $509,620. In May, the son of Pollard's Vision won the Chick Lang Stakes for 3-year-olds at Pimlico.

■ Jamie Ness outdistanced Dane Kobiskie 83-67 in the race for the leading trainer in Maryland for 2012. Ness, who ranked first in the nation with 395 wins, had runners make 304 starts at Laurel and Pimlico, nearly a quarter of his national total 1,264. Hugh McMahon (49) grabbed third, followed by Mike Trombetta (43), Dale Capuano (32) and Tim Keefe (31).

Among jockeys, Abel Castellano posted 132 wins from 625 mounts at Maryland's mile tracks to edge 2011 leader Sheldon Russell (121 wins). Castellano wound up 25th in the country by total wins with 192. Julian Pimentel (88), Horacio Karamanos (81), Kevin Navarro (59) and Forest Boyce (58) rounded out the top six. ✹

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'Heavy' Lifting

Longtime valet Robertson puts experience to good use with first winner as a trainer

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY

For 21 years, Roosevelt "Heavy" Robertson was an invaluable part of the saddling process for owners, trainers and jockeys in the Parx Racing paddock. The native of Palmyra, N.J., worked as a valet alongside his brother, Slim; the pair's size and strength, as well as their calm and friendly demeanor, were key in handling temperamental Thoroughbreds.

But in October, Roosevelt Robertson decided to trade in his valet uniform for a trainer's license. His years of experience, which included time working for many top trainers in the Mid-Atlantic region as a groom, paid off Dec. 18, when Dunham Thoroughbreds' Royal Start earned Robertson his first victory as a trainer.

"I'm 61 years old, and I didn't know how much longer I could keep going," said Robertson. "I always wanted to become a trainer, so I took the test and got my license. It sure felt great to get that first win."

Robertson started working at the racetrack several decades ago, first for trainer Bob Durso at Monmouth Park and later at Philadelphia Park for Bob Camac. Robertson stayed 15 years.

"I rubbed one of Camac's first stakes winners, Mr. Pitty Pat, back in the early 1970s," he said. "We won the Ben Franklin Handicap (at Garden State Park in 1976) and then I flew with the horse to the (Grade 3) Illinois Derby (then held at Sportsman's Park). That was quite an experience."

After passing his trainer's test, Robertson contacted owner Bernard Dunham, who worked for Camac while he was in college. Now a successful businessman, Dunham agreed to claim the 4-year-old filly Royal Start and give Robertson his first shot in the training game.

"We were looking for a horse for around $7,500," said Robertson. "When Royal Start came into the paddock (at Parx Oct. 9), I thought she looked good, and she'd been running in better company, so we dropped the slip."

In her first start for her new connections on Nov. 17, Royal Start finished third in a $27,750 starter allowance at 6 furlongs. An off-the-board finish in a similar starter allowance came Dec. 2, followed by her victory, in which she earned $15,000. Since the claim, the daughter of Jump Start has earned $18,000.

OFFICER ALEX STOPS RES JUDICATA IN NURSERY

The Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes has traditionally been a year-end showcase for the best and brightest of the state's juvenile class. But in 2003, the race served as a launching pad for a colt whose talents went far beyond the state-bred ranks, as Someday Farm's Smarty Jones scored a 15-length blowout for trainer John Servis and jockey Stewart Elliott, en route to his stellar 3-year-old campaign that culminated in victories in two-thirds of the Triple Crown, and a year-end championship.

Fast-forward nine years to Dec. 8 and the 2012 Pennsylvania Nursery. In what could be construed as a version of "Groundhog Day," among the entries was Res Judicata, flying the blue-and-white colors of breeder Someday Farm, with Servis and owner Pat Chapman also as connections. His sire was none other than Smarty Jones. The only ingredient missing was Elliott, and he was aboard another horse in the race, Winning Horses Stable and Choctaw Racing Stable's Officer Alex.

At Parx, the legend of Smarty Jones never seems to fade. He is honored with a spot in the Hall of Fame on the third floor of the grandstand, in the opening scenes of the weekly cable television show *Let's Go Racing*, which is produced by the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, and in a stakes race that bears his name.

Thus, when Res Judicata came into the Nursery as the heavy favorite, after his dominating win in the Christopher Elser Memorial Stakes at Parx three weeks earlier, it was only natural that some of that old fever began to rise again, complete with camera-toting fans near the walking ring, much like when Smarty was at the peak of his career.

But in the end, Res Judicata did not follow in the hoofprints of his sire, falling a length short at the wire to Officer Alex and, ironically, Elliott.

With Jeremy Rose aboard, Res Judicata went right with the leaders at the break, sitting a half length off third-choice Southern Honor through the first half mile. The favorite seized the lead and then drew off, coming into the stretch with a clear advantage.

But revving up from just off the pace was Officer Alex. Elliott eased the son of Officer off the rail, showed him the whip, and he confronted Res Judicata and then slowly edged away to post the victory, in 1:23.94 for the 7 furlongs.

Officer Alex shipped to Parx from trainer Lynn Whiting's Churchill Downs headquarters, having finished eighth there in an allowance event in his prior start on Oct. 28. The colt broke his maiden by 7¾ lengths at Parx going 5½ furlongs Sept. 8.

"I knew if Mr. Whiting was sending this colt here, he'd have a good chance," said Elliott, who was aboard for all of Smarty Jones' races. "He broke well, and we sat back off the early pace. At the head of the lane, he kicked in really strong. I knew who it was (Res Judicata) on the lead; he was the horse I had to beat."

Elliott said that before the race, he reflected upon his ride aboard Smarty in the Nursery and how impressive he was. When asked how he felt about defeating Res Judicata, he replied, "I was just glad to win."

Officer Alex was bred in Pennsylvania by The Elkstone Group, and is out of the Boca Rio mare Ms. C D Player, also the dam of stakes winner and multiple graded stakes-placed juvenile Officer Ipod. Purchased by Choctaw Racing Stable for $65,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2-year-old sale, he finished his juvenile

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Officer Alex returned after winning the Pennsylvania Nursery for Kentucky trainer Lynn Whiting.

Silver Rod Stables' homebred Rod's Five Star captured his first stakes win in the $75,000 Valley Forge.

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campaign with a record of three starts, two wins, and earnings of $72,222.

NEWS AND NOTES

■ After knocking on the door all season long, Silver Rod Stables' homebred Rod's Five Star finally kicked it down, capturing his first added-money event in the $75,000 Valley Forge Stakes at 6 furlongs to conclude his 4-year-old season Dec. 18. With Angel Arroyo aboard, the Pennsylvania-bred son of Five Star Day split rivals on the turn, swung outside coming into the stretch, took the lead from Harbor Kid nearing the sixteenth pole and drew away to a 1¾-length decision in 1:10.07. Trained by Ed Lehman, Rod's Five Star placed in four stakes in five starts last year prior to the Valley Forge. He's won seven of 12 starts to amass $292,770.

■ For the first time in his training career, Lou Linder split his stable in December, sending a string to Tampa Bay Downs in Florida while keeping 22 head at Parx. Linder, who has been stabled at Parx for more than 20 years, enjoyed his best season ever in 2012, winning 29 races and placing 42 times more, earning nearly $800,000.

■ Parx was the only Thoroughbred track in America to present a card on Christmas Eve, and the result was total handle in excess of $1.4 million for the nine races. Those in attendance or watching via simulcast were treated to the humorous and entertaining race calls of Larry Lederman, who was substituting for the vacationing Keith Jones. Lederman has been battling a brain tumor for the last two years, but has been well enough to call periodically at Parx and Atlantic City Racecourse this year. ✹

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Fitting In

Trainer Hollahan finds niche after move from Delaware Park; Crane climbs ladder

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY

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Trainer Heather Hollahan, who enjoyed great success with her late stable star Car Thief (above), has found Penn National a good fit since making the move in November.

Since moving her stable to Penn National at the beginning of November, Heather Hollahan has found that her horses are a good fit, winning four races and placing in 14 more from 24 starts through the end of December.

One of Hollahan's victories came on the night of Dec. 20, when Juan Arriagada's Malicious humbled seven rivals in a starter allowance at 5 furlongs. With David Cora in the boot, the now 5-year-old son of Rockport Harbor engaged the leaders while on the outside through opening splits of :21.78 and :44.96, and then charged down the lane to win by 5 lengths in :57.46.

It was the first win for Malicious since being haltered by Hollahan and Arriagada for $6,250 at Delaware Park in October. Placing three times and winning once in four efforts since, he more than paid back his claim price, earning $21,970.

"He looked like he had a lot of natural speed," said Hollahan of her decision to claim Malicious. "I was a little surprised that he won (Dec. 20), because it was a very tough race."

The victory put his career earnings over the $100,000 mark, and it was his seventh lifetime score. He is out of the Exploit mare My Allegiance.

Sweet Moonbeam, also owned by Arriagada, got her third sophomore win on Dec. 22. Haltered for $5,000 in her prior start, she earned $9,000 for the score.

This is Hollahan's first time stabling at the Grantville oval after having been based at Delaware Park the last few seasons.

The native of Pearl River, N.Y., attended the pre-veterinary program at Cornell University, and then worked at an equine rehabilitation center in Temecula, Calif. From there, she made the transition to San Luis Rey Downs, northeast of Del Mar in Bonsall, Calif., where she had a barn and legged up horses, as well as worked on those coming off rehab.

Her career with horses took a slight detour when she returned to the East Coast and went to work in her mother's insurance office, as well as a stint as a sales manager for a health care company, but eventually she decided to begin training at Delaware Park.

As a trainer, her first winner, Car Thief, has so far been her best performer. Claimed for $5,000 by Hollahan in 2009 at the Meadowlands as a 4-year-old, the son of Cat Thief went on to place twice in close finishes the past two years in the $200,000 Pennsylvania Governor's Cup at Penn National, as well as win several allowance events.

In a sad twist of fate, Hollahan lost Car Thief right before Christmas to colic.

"He was a tough horse with a lot of heart," she said. "I was lucky to have trained him. He got me started in this business, and brought my family together."

Hollahan also owns a farm in Pittsgrove, N.J., about 40 minutes east of Delaware Park. In all, she has 11 horses at Penn National and about eight more at her farm.

CRANE'S CLIMB CONTINUES

Dr. Myron Wilson's homebred Erin's Wild World rebounded from a disappointing eighth in late November to soundly defeat seven rivals in a 6-furlong allowance on the evening of Dec. 19.

The Pennsylvania-bred daughter of Wildcat Heir lit up the toteboard with her 18-1 odds, and stopped the teletimer in 1:11.56 under William Otero. It was the 3-year-old's second win from three starts. Clovis Crane, enjoying a solid season at Penn National with a nearly 20 percent win rate, trains the bay filly.

Crane, who operates Crane Thoroughbreds in nearby Lebanon, Pa., hails from a family deeply involved in the sport, as his father Joe and uncle Dean Crane are also trainers. His sister, Heidi Crane Randolph, owns and operates Randolph Thoroughbreds in Ocala, Fla.

At age 16, Clovis Crane was a top-rated apprentice jockey in New York in 1997, when he captured 122 races and his mounts earned nearly $2.2 million. But by 1998, he was becoming too heavy to ride, so he returned to school and the wrestling team at Lower Dauphin High in Hummelstown, Pa. Crane walked on to the wrestling team at Purdue University, became team captain and twice qualified for the national finals. He went 30-12 at 157 pounds as a senior in 2002-'03.

After getting his degree (physical education with a minor in sociology), Crane decided to get back into the horse business, and eventually started Crane Thoroughbreds, a full-service facility with an emphasis on breaking and training young horses.

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To help quench his competitive fire, Crane started riding bulls and bucking horses at the historic Cowtown Rodeo in Woodstown, N.J.

"I worked to become a top-class rodeo rider," said Crane. "In 2009, I was crowned National Circuit Finals All-Around Champion."

Also among Crane's rodeo accomplishments was being a contestant during the first two seasons of the reality series, "World's Toughest Cowboy," in 2007-'08.

NEWS AND NOTES

■ Donald C. Wilson's homebred Pure Strike captured her second allowance race in a row when she nailed Reflecting Riva in the final strides Dec. 20. The Carl Doran-trainee stalked the pace through the turn, was angled outside horses by Vladimir Diaz coming into the stretch, and rocketed to the lead in the final strides. She covered the 6 furlongs on a "good" track in 1:11.43. Now 5, the Pennsylvania-bred daughter of Pure Prize broke her maiden at Parx Racing in 2011 and has never seen the claiming ranks in 14 starts, winning three times and earning $122,644.

■ Trainer Linda Rice, who got her start at Penn National back in the 1970s before launching a successful stable in New York, sent a string to Grantville in December. Rice, who became the first woman to win a training title at Saratoga Racecourse (2009), said Penn National offers the right conditions for many of her horses. Her father, Clyde Rice, was the leading trainer at Penn several times, and she learned to gallop horses there.

■ The biggest purse in Penn National history will be up for grabs as the newly created $500,000 Penn Mile, for 3-year-olds on the turf, headlines a stakes-studded card June 1. Also being offered that night are the $250,000 Mountainview Handicap for 3-year-olds and up at 1⅛ miles on the main track, and $150,000 Pennsylvania Governor's Cup for 3-year-olds and up at 5 furlongs on the turf.

The track also announced that the $250,000 Fabulous Strike Handicap for 3-year-olds and up at 6 furlongs will be contested on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 27. Also scheduled for the card will be the $150,000 Swatara Stakes for 3-year-olds and up at 1 1/16 miles, and the first running of the $150,000 Lady in Waiting for fillies and mares at 6 furlongs.

■ As the curtain closed on the 2012 season, trainer Jamie Ness coasted to his first training title at Penn National, finishing with 83 victories and a 31 percent winning rate. Stephanie Beattie, last year's leader, was second (69), while Tim Kreiser (64) rounded out the top three.

On the jockeys' side, Matthew Rispoli captured the first riding title of his career, handily defeating last year's champion Dana Whitney, 158 wins to 133, with David Cora (116) third. Rispoli's mounts earned more than $3.5 million during the year at the track.

Midwest Thoroughbreds, whose horses are conditioned by Ness, was the leading owner, with 83 wins and more than $1.6 million in purses.

Red Pete earned the honor of winningest horse in 2012, capturing six races from 15 starts and $107,290. Lester Stickler Jr. trained the Florida-bred son of Delaware Township for Bush Racing Stable after claiming him for $10,000 out of the 6-year-old's first start of the year. ✹

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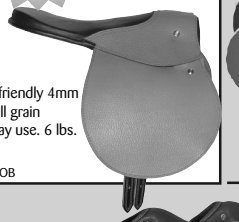

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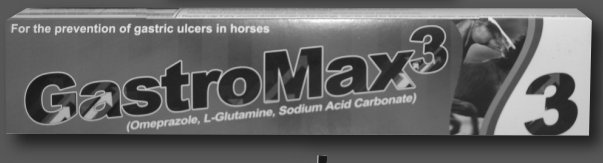

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Memory Lane

West Virginia owner, trainer, breeder Casey wins stakes race named in honor of his wife

BY JEFF NATIONS

Jim Casey has won bigger races in his long and distinguished career as a trainer, owner and breeder. Bigger races worth more money and with higher prestige–but in the grand scheme of things his filly Queen'o'daball's stakes win at Charles Town the evening of Dec. 15 might be the most important.

The $50,000 stakes wasn't just any race–the Eleanor Casey Memorial is named after Jim Casey's late wife and partner in the racing business. Jim Casey said he had never before entered the annual season-ending stakes race at the track.

"Yeah, I kind of wanted to win this one," he said. "Eleanor was special to me. We were friends from the seventh grade. I was overseas (serving in the armed forces) for two years, she wrote me letters all the time. Actually, she probably got me into the business. My father was a vet, but I didn't care that much about it. But she was raised on a horse farm. She really loved it."

The victory, an early Christmas present to be certain, can be traced back to a gift from fellow breeder Javier Contreras. It was Contreras who provided Casey with Queen'o'daball's dam, a daughter of Put It Back named Return Trick.

"She wasn't a bad mare. He said he was through with her and asked me if I wanted her, and I took her," Casey said. "I don't think I paid him anything. He just gave her to me."

Casey paired Return Trick with his highly successful stallion Windsor Castle (West Virginia's second-leading sire in 2012, behind Limehouse). A solid sire for a number of years now, Windsor Castle entered stud at Casey's Taylor Mountain Farm the year before Eleanor passed away in July 2005.

Jim Casey had two entries in his wife's race, with homebred filly Donnameade (by Luftikus) also in the running. To make the 2-year-old race even more of a family affair, the Caseys' son, trainer John Casey, also had his homebred Luftikus-sired filly, I Did It That Time, and Kristy Petty's homebred Landon Did It in the eight-horse field. But on this night, Queen'o'daball was easily the best as she turned in a regal effort in the 7-furlong test. Under Antonio Lopez, the chestnut filly was content to sit off the pace until ready to make her move. And when that happened, Queen'o'daball really had no rivals as she dashed past leader Landon Did It down the stretch and hit the wire 2 lengths ahead for the victory in 1:27.14.

"I know my filly and I tried to do the same thing I did last time (when she won the West Virginia Futurity on Dec. 1)," Lopez said. "Very relaxed, then just ask her to run. She responded like she's supposed to, just like how she's been working and training."

The victory was the third in six starts for Queen'o'daball. Donnameade, with Alexis Batista aboard, finished third, 3 lengths behind Landon Did It.

"Windsor Castle, he's just doing super," Casey said. "He was first and Luftikus, the other horse, was third. I've been having a big year."

True enough, but that doesn't stop Casey from looking ahead. He figures the 17-year-old Luftikus has a year or two left in the breeding shed, and at 15 Windsor Castle isn't exactly getting younger. That thought prompted Casey to buy two young stallions–Charitable Man and Denis of Cork–to add to his stallion roster two years ago, and at least by the eye test–"good-looking foals," Casey asserts.

Discussing Charitable Man, a son of Lemon Drop Kid whose first foals are yearlings this year: "They ruined him trying to get him ready for the (Kentucky) Derby, but he broke his maiden at Saratoga his first time out.

"That's the best horses in the world up there, you know, and he won by 11½. And the horse that finished fourth got beat by 20 lengths. Then he went from there to Belmont and he ran in the Belmont Futurity, which is a Grade 2, and he won it in a hand ride. And he got hurt."

Charitable Man got a ringing endorsement from his former trainer, Kiaran McLaughlin, who urged Casey to make the purchase. So far, it looks like money well spent. Casey has kept Charitable Man booked for two years running.

"I'm getting too high on him, you know, because he can let you down in a minute," Casey said. "But just by looks and racing ability and everything, he ought to do OK. I'd be very disappointed if he doesn't."

LUCY'S BOB BOY CAPS SEASON WITH RECORD

Disappointing was a word largely foreign to the handlers of Lucy's Bob Boy last year. One of those rare setbacks did happen in November, when the son of Flatter lost to Russell Road in the A Huevo Stakes.

Coming off the sophomore's dazzling victory in the $500,000 West Virginia Breeders Classic over the same 1⅛-mile distance just a month earlier, the A Huevo result was undoubtedly a bit of a downer for trainer Sandra Dono and owner Michael Furr. But Dono's decision to shorten Lucy's Bob Boy back to 6½ furlongs ensured a joyous holiday season for Lucy's Bob Boy's camp.

Running in a sparse four-horse field for a Dec. 11 allowance, Lucy's Bob Boy sparred with Golden Set–a multiple winner of West Virginia Breeders Classic races–over opening fractions of :22.97 and :45.38 before starting to pull away under Gustavo Larrosa. Lucy's Bob Boy locked down a 17-length victory and shattered a 36-year-old track record in the process. His winning time of 1:16.44 broke the old record, set by Jet Appeal back on Jan. 6, 1976, by more than a half second. There's more–Lucy's Bob Boy carried 10 pounds more than Jet Appeal in his record-setting effort.

In 10 starts at 3, Lucy's Bob Boy won seven times and was second in the other three. He has earnings of $423,070 from 12 starts.

NEWS AND NOTES

■ Trainer Jeff Runco completed 2012 in a familiar spot–atop the trainer's stand-

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ings at Charles Town. Runco recorded his seventh consecutive title by winning 159 races in 2012, including a pair on the West Virginia Breeders Classics card. Runco ranked among the top 25 trainers nationally in wins for the fifth straight year, and in 2012 he broke into the top 10 for the first time. Ronney Brown was second in wins among Charles Town trainers with 79.

Not surprisingly, a jockey closely associated with Runco secured the 2012 riding title. Jose Montano, who competed for much of the year as an apprentice and was a finalist for an Eclipse Award, easily scored the title by amassing 216 wins, which put him 109 ahead of runner-up Travis Dunkelberger. Montano's highlights included five stakes wins, among them a division of the Tri-State Futurity and two on West Virginia Breeders Classics night. His 1,027 mounts tallied $3,442,187.

■ Canadian import Esporon capped his 5-year-old season with a pair of victories in December for trainer David Wells. The gelding, a son of Officer out of Regently Bold (by Awesome Again) has been moving up and down the East Coast since straying from Woodbine, his home track, late in 2011.

Esporon opened 2012 at Gulfstream for two starts, raced twice at Parx Racing, moved on for two races at Monmouth, went back to Parx, then returned to Monmouth before finally settling at Charles Town for his final two starts of the year.

On Dec. 14, Marshall Gramm's runner scored his third win of the year in a 6½-furlong allowance. Just a week later, he delivered again while stretching out to 1 1/16 miles. Esporon ran that race with a $25,000 claiming price, but found no takers. He finished his 2012 campaign with four wins and a pair of seconds in 10 starts.

■ A more modest claimer, Broad But Nice, turned heads Dec. 18. The Pennsylvania-bred daughter of Seeking Daylight crushed nine rivals by 7 lengths in an impressive 50.81 seconds for 4½ furlongs.

Competing exclusively at Charles Town since her 2-year-old maiden special weight winning debut in June 2008, Broad But Nice was dropped in for $5,000 by trainer Kevin Patterson, with no takers. The win was her fifth in 10 starts last year, with a second and third. From 30 lifetime starts, she has 11 wins and earnings of $198,300.

■ The first snowfall of the year ended up shortening the 2012 racing season—the final five races on Dec. 28 were scrapped, and the entire Dec. 29 slate—the last racing date of the season—was cancelled.

■ Charles Town's management wasn't commenting about the firing of racing secretary Randy Wehrman in mid-December, a move confirmed by the West Virginia Racing Commission. Wehrman had been the track's racing secretary since 2008 and had also previously worked at Charles Town from 1997-'99. ✹

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‘Awesome’ day helps McCarthy follow dad to track

JIM MCCUE

Trevor McCarthy didn’t search for a description, didn’t hesitate for an explanation.

“Awesome,” McCarthy said.

For a young man, there is no better word. Most 18-year-olds, fresh out of high school, use the word to describe a party, a girl, a car, a game, a Tweet. For young jockey McCarthy, the word described his career moment, a four-win extravaganza at Laurel Park on New Year’s Day.

The seven-pound apprentice partnered favorite Kincaid for Dale Capuano to win the second, hustled second choice Merryland Moon for Mike Trombetta to win the fourth, upset the fifth with Bluegrass Kopp for Ferris Allen and won the seventh with Proud Daddy for Linda Albert.

Four wins for four trainers on a competitive circuit to open the year—yes, awesome.

But it wouldn’t be fair to write this as a story about an awesome jockey or an awesome day. It’s more about an awesome legacy and the awesome responsibility that comes with it.

Trevor McCarthy is the son of retired jockey Michael McCarthy, winner of 2,907 races in a long, respected career that finished in 2002. Dad combined good hands, diplomacy, dedication and street smarts to produce six consecutive 200-win seasons while riding predominantly at Delaware Park. McCarthy managed to fold his lawn-chair frame into an aerodynamic shell, becoming one of the most stylish, successful jockeys in the country. He could get horses to settle in the morning and run in the afternoon. McCarthy was as good an agent as he was a jockey, working the backside like a mayor running for reelection. All the while, his youngest of three children watched, noted and made plans.

He was the one who woke up Dad to go to the track. He was the one who kicked and screamed when his mother tried to take him home from the track. He was the one who borrowed Dad’s extra helmet and whip and rode races around the living room. When Dad became a trainer, Trevor was the one who rode horses around the shedrow (since he was too young to ride on the track). He was the one who jumped fences around Dad’s barn at Fair Hill Training Center. He was the one who killed time at school, waiting for when he could be turned loose at the track.

“I’ve always been into it, I couldn’t see myself doing anything other than the horses,” Trevor said. “I remember watch-

ing him ride big races, going to the jocks' room, going to the Meadowlands at night, stuff like that. He's taught me everything. I can't list it all. So much advice, it's really helped me out. Saving ground, looking good, just a lot of technique, things in the gate, he taught me to be polite."

Michael McCarthy says he had no choice when it came to Trevor's chosen profession. He remembers the first time his son showed interest. He was sitting at the dinner table, Trevor looked up from his vegetables (the rest of the family ate what Dad ate) and asked what it felt like to be in the gate. He was 6. And serious.

Other mornings, Trevor would get dressed and wait for his father to get up and go to the track.

"You know when you feel somebody creeping up on you and they're looking at you, he was standing by the bed at 3:30 in the morning, 'OK, Dad, let's go to the racetrack,' " Michael said. "That's what I'm dealing with, with that kid, he just wanted to be a part of it. I'm so happy for him because of that, it's all he ever wanted to do. Just get out there with the horses and ride the horses. Whatever it takes to get to the track, that's his mentality."

Michael McCarthy trained horses for seven years after he retired from riding races. Trevor was there, shed-rowing horses when he was 9. Yes, 9. From there, he got on the lead pony, then galloped for Graham Motion at Fair Hill Training Center and began riding as an amateur through the Amateur Riders Club of America. He rode his first race–won his first race–in October.

Christa McCarthy told her son he could do anything he wanted after he graduated from high school. Trevor graduated from Alexis I. duPont High in Wilmington, Del., in May and was at Parx by October. Trevor began with a bang, but then was put on the back burner, by design. Dad made sure son gained experience without compromising his apprentice year which starts after five wins. Trevor won his fifth race Dec. 2 and moved his tack to Laurel. Joined with Scott Silver, agent for Jeremy Rose, Trevor plans to stay at Laurel for the rest of the year, aiming at an Eclipse Award for leading apprentice, if possible.

"Well, you know, we had a rough start at Philly, we rode a lot of bad horses but in the last month, when we came to Laurel, it's picked up a lot, we've got a lot of business and a lot of wins down there," Trevor said. "My dad's really proud of it. I won my fourth on Proud Daddy, so a lot of people called and told me he must be proud. I always saw my dad doing it, I always looked up to him and when he started training, he taught me how to do it. My dad is loving it."

And hating it.

Michael McCarthy knows the game; the good, the bad and the ugly. At 5'9½", McCarthy honed his body to the bone, practicing moderation and discipline while escaping Finger Lakes, landing at Philadelphia Park and flourishing at Delaware Park. He knows the deprivation, the politics, the risk, the hot box, the falls, the hours . . . yeah, the good, the bad, the ugly.

Thoroughbred racing is the ultimate catch-22. Horsemen love their horses, but they put them at risk. Owners love the sport, it costs crazy money. Jockeys love to ride, they diet, fall, ride seven days a week. Fathers, well fathers, love their sons.

"People say you must be a proud dad. . . and I am in every sense of the word, but when I watch a race, I know so many things can happen negatively, I want to be like, 'yeah, yeah, do this, do that,' and instead I'm like 'OK, look out for this, look out for that,' " Michael said. "I was more like that in the first two months, when we were just really preparing him for everything. I'm better now, my fear is subsiding a little bit, but I still get some jitters. I don't know. I don't know. I'm sure all fathers would feel the same way."

Michael worries about too much publicity too fast for Trevor. He worries about expectations put on his son, because of him.

"When you called, I thought, this is a little quick for him, here's more expectations," Michael said to a writer. "I think the expectations were so high for him, he won with his first three mounts, then he went 2-for-70 or whatever, but we literally gave him three horses with chances, and those three all did good. I was OK with that, because I knew it was going to take him a few months to get his legs under him, timing-wise it was perfect, we wanted to get him started close to the first of the year, so maybe he can have a chance at winning an award if it's possible."

Michael has helped choreograph his son's career, putting his experiences and connections to good use, but he also apologizes if he sounds like a crazy father, overzealous and consumed by his son's success. He's not Earl Woods, driving his son Tiger to become champion of the world. He's a retired jockey who might be able to help his son become a successful jockey.

"We made a little plan and said 'let's try to do this.' To me, if he goes out there and is happy just being a jockey, making a living, I'm happy for him," Michael said. "If he wants to go and be a big-time jockey and set huge goals for himself, hey, that's fine too. That's the kind of parents we are to him."

Michael McCarthy would like to see his son make it big. But for his son, not for him.

"He has put that to the side," Michael said. "He realizes, 'I might not be my dad or as good as my dad but I'm going to be the best that I can.' He told me that the other day and I said, 'Great Trev, but look what you did today, you've already made a name for yourself. I'm so proud of that.' That's a big hurdle for him. So many jockeys' sons can't meet the expectations of their fathers, I feel bad for that situation when it happens to kids. I have a fear of that."

Nine of the 41 Eclipse Award-winning apprentices cultivated their careers in Maryland. Trevor McCarthy, fresh off winning four races on New Year's Day, knows their names, their achievements, their legacies–Chris McCarron, Ron Franklin, Alberto Delgado, Allen Stacy, Kent Desormeaux, Mike Luzzi, Mark Johnston, Jeremy Rose, Ryan Fogelsonger.

"Yup," McCarthy said. "Hopefully we can make it 10."

He said it with respect, not audacity or arrogance. A boy trying to make it big, a son trying to follow his father. The boy doesn't know what's out there, the father certainly does.

A few hours after answering his phone the first time, Michael McCarthy called back and left a message. Not as a jockey, not as an agent, not as a trainer, but simply a father.

"Hey, it's Michael McCarthy calling back, listen, you know I just wanted to say that sometimes this business consumes me and I can sound negative at times, but I just wanted you to know, my wife and I are extremely proud of Trevor," McCarthy said. "I just wanted to make a notation of that. He's carrying on our name and my name quite well, he carries himself with so much class, I couldn't be any more proud of having my son do what he's doing. I hope you can put that in there."

Duly noted. Now, kid, go win some races. Dad, enjoy it. ✹

STALLION RANKINGS

Mid-Atlantic region leading sires in 2012—International earnings

Top 60 stallions who currently stand or concluded their careers in Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

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		Runners	Winners	Races Won	Stakes Winners	Leading Earner	Earnings
1.	E Dubai (Pa)	246	142	262	6	Fort Larned ($3,598,455)	$8,210,752
2.	Smarty Jones (Pa)	137	73	143	10	Better Life ($928,167)	5,279,761
3.	Rockport Harbor (Pa)	183	103	177	5	Harbor Mist ($146,715)	4,895,840
4.	Jump Start (Pa)	151	91	170	12	Rail Trip ($392,000)	4,690,448
5.	Wiseman's Ferry (Pa)	90	45	94	2	Wise Dan ($2,622,037)	4,566,713
6.	Not For Love (Md)	149	86	158	5	Hello Lover ($304,495)	4,549,977
7.	Limehouse (WV)	141	87	135	7	Risky Rachel ($198,750)	3,610,496
8.	Dance With Ravens (Md)	129	69	130	7	Charmingmegan ($136,930)	3,490,243
9.	Silver Train (Pa)	166	98	171	4	Zetterholm ($193,200)	3,152,297
10.	Petionville (Pa)	129	70	134	4	Big Man Has a Sign ($121,804)	2,662,855
11.	Lion Hearted (Md)	106	65	114	5	Silver Heart ($179,772)	2,329,079
12.	Offlee Wild (Pa)	102	55	91	1	Hogy ($160,387)	1,952,753
13.	Two Punch (deceased)	70	39	66	2	Bold Affair ($322,520)	1,795,180
14.	Windsor Castle (WV)	75	40	77	5	Down Town Allen ($214,730)	1,786,326
15.	Outflanker (Md)	63	37	66	2	Varborough ($159,695)	1,781,182
16.	Great Notion (Md)	53	35	56	2	Jazzy Idea ($392,270)	1,704,759
17.	Real Quiet (deceased)	75	34	54	3	Singlet ($177,500)	1,701,002
18.	Eurosilver (Pa)	108	56	98	2	Devilish Silver ($84,995)	1,637,021
19.	Defrere (NJ)	73	37	57	1	Arlo ($231,040)	1,617,188
20.	Gators N Bears (deceased)	58	28	54	1	Action Andy ($448,760)	1,435,079
21.	Louis Quatorze (Md)	93	36	66	1	Wild Louis ($97,486)	1,420,379
22.	Medallist (Pa)	64	42	78	1	Big Grandpa ($123,280)	1,402,280
23.	Lite the Fuse (Pa)	58	36	57	0	Sleeping Tiger ($106,832)	1,330,026
24.	Trajectory (Pa)	77	32	68	0	Sniper ($157,965)	1,305,303
25.	Albert the Great (Pa)	68	35	64	2	Great Lookinblonde ($178,756)	1,206,933
26.	Rock Slide (Md)	78	35	46	0	Ariana D ($117,837)	1,202,601
27.	Black Tie Affair (Ire) (deceased)	68	31	42	0	Belle of Camden ($87,650)	1,148,480
28.	Gimmeawink (Pa)	73	39	70	1	Jet Blue Girl ($109,460)	1,035,984
29.	Delaware Township (Pa)	53	28	53	0	Red Pete ($119,290)	993,899
30.	Love of Money (deceased)	47	28	39	0	Wire Funds ($92,040)	966,703
31.	Alex's Pal (NJ)	24	15	33	2	C C's Pal ($393,334)	918,910
32.	Luftikus (WV)	57	28	43	0	Strawberry Cupcake ($77,530)	859,432
33.	Invisible Ink (deceased)	31	15	32	2	Prince of Time ($199,021)	834,376
34.	Cat Thief (Pa)	61	29	53	0	Cat's Review ($84,268)	816,205
35.	Don Six (NJ)	28	17	32	0	Don's Honour ($155,310)	809,973
36.	Prized (pensioned)	49	14	23	2	Premio Loco ($197,122)	791,820
37.	During (WV)	40	21	35	2	Jake N Elwood ($164,900)	769,652
38.	Scipion (Md)	35	17	27	2	Pitch N Roll ($127,580)	743,274
39.	Cherokee's Boy (Md)	28	15	25	0	Lunar Rock ($103,387)	732,090
40.	Ecclesiastic (Pa)	35	19	26	0	Deacon Furr ($110,985)	724,859
41.	Seeking Daylight (deceased)	71	30	42	1	Queen Chatanika ($73,570)	691,737
42.	Rimrod (Pa)	23	13	15	1	Lenape Rim ($86,053)	648,788
43.	Partner's Hero (Pa)	48	17	22	0	Heros Reward ($85,830)	612,221
44.	Peruvian (WV)	5	2	12	1	Saginaw ($515,150)	574,453
45.	Formal Dinner (pensioned)	48	24	39	0	Caviar N Champagne ($80,784)	547,110
46.	Go for Gin (pensioned)	43	23	30	0	Moral High Ground ($50,326)	527,735
47.	Fiber Sonde (WV)	20	13	21	1	Flirting Song ($82,938)	516,372
48.	Yarrow Brae (WV)	24	12	20	1	Hill Crossing ($85,547)	492,089
49.	Pure Precision (Pa)	24	15	28	0	Tightend Touchdown ($137,439)	488,107
50.	Bop (deceased)	33	15	26	0	Bomber ($53,560)	472,615
51.	Wheaton (deceased)	15	6	10	1	Russell Road ($226,430)	436,981
52.	Deputy Storm (Md)	20	12	19	0	Stormy Adventure ($62,930)	413,872
53.	Will's Way (pensioned)	19	10	19	0	Reflected Way ($141,763)	396,392
54.	Peak Dancer (WV)	23	14	20	0	Pagan Jewel ($49,646)	382,123
55.	Southern Success (Pa)	11	4	12	0	Golden Success ($173,220)	364,992
56.	Unbridled Jet (deceased)	22	8	9	1	Go Unbridled ($136,600)	348,154
57.	Meadow Monster (WV)	34	13	23	0	Mi Preciosa ($51,478)	345,703
58.	Reparations (WV)	32	11	14	0	Allegheny Jack ($98,800)	333,979
59.	Cetewayo (Pa)	21	8	13	0	Oh So Glittery ($83,208)	322,746
60.	Power by Far (Pa)	15	2	5	0	Nibiru's Return ($194,331)	301,459

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SEVEN stakes horses
16 winners from 20 starters
in his first two crops

Runners include 2012 Tri-State Futurity winner **FLIRTING SONG, Just Fuhr Real** ($113,555), **Dixieland Silk, Roy's Song, Grey Tiger, Mr. Ripken** and **Hidden Canyon**. Half-brother to champion sprinter and leading sire **SPEIGHTSTOWN** (G1 winner of $1,258,256). Out of champion 2-year-old filly **SILKEN CAT**, by a proven sire of sires.

$1,000 LFSN. Nominated to WV Breeders Classics. Registered WV stallion.

WEST VIRGINIA'S 2012
TOP TWO
SECOND-CROP SIRES

Footnotes

Storm Cat–Key Phrase, by Flying Paster

EIGHT starters, FIVE winners,
TWO stakes horses

From two small crops, sire of 2012 juvenile **My Jordan** (3 wins at 2, $87,848, 2nd WV Vincent Moscarelli Memorial Breeders Classic S) and **Just a Trick** (3rd 2012 WV Triple Crown Nutrition Breeders Classic S). Full brother to **YANKEE GENTLEMAN** ($202,547) and to the dam of G2 **HALF OURS**; half-brother to G3-placed **Key Deputy.** By leading sire **STORM CAT** out of a G1 winner.

$1,000 LFSN. Nominated to WV Breeders Classics. Registered WV stallion.

On Eagles Wings

Gone West–Soaring Softly, by Kris S.

Son of **GONE WEST**, out of champion **SOARING SOFTLY** ($1,270,433, multiple stakes producer). Second dam G3 **WINGS OF GRACE** is also dam of **PLENTY OF GRACE** ($744,499). Family of millionaire **DIABOLICAL** and champion **WAVERING GIRL. First crop runs in 2013.**

$1,000 LFSN. Nominated to WV Breeders Classics. Registered WV stallion.

Also standing: EVANGELISM and CASTINE

GOT THE LAST LAUGH MOVES TO PENNSYLVANIA'S DIAMOND B

Got the Last Laugh, who previously stood at the McKathan Bros. Training Center in Florida, has moved to Glenn and Becky Brok's Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville, Pa., for 2013. The 9-year-old son of Distorted Humor stands for $2,500.

With his first crop coming to the races in 2012, Got the Last Laugh sired the earners of $170,798 to rank second among freshman sires in the Mid-Atlantic region. His five winners from seven starters include Shoobie, who earned $45,492 while winning twice and finishing third twice in five starts.

A winner of his career debut at 2 in a 7-furlong Saratoga maiden special weight, in which he defeated Sightseeing by 2 lengths, Got the Last Laugh became a stakes winner next time out in the Grade 3 Arlington-Washington Breeders' Cup Futurity at 1 mile. Finishing in a dead heat with Officer Rocket (GB), Got the Last Laugh was nearly 2 lengths ahead of the third-place finisher, that year's champion 2-year-old Street Sense.

Got the Last Laugh won five races from 21 starts, finished second in the Barksdale and John Henry Stakes during his 4-year-old season, and retired with earnings of $249,227.

A half-brother to stakes-placed Lotto Ticket, Got the Last Laugh is out of Theresa's Tizzy (by Cee's Tizzy), a 15-time winner of $660,271 who captured the Rancho Bernardo Handicap-G3 and five other stakes. Second dam Theresa's Pleasure won four of her five starts at 2, three stakes, and produced nine other foals to race, including Theresa's Tizzy's full-brother Lesters Boy. Winner of the Camino Real Mile and earner of $301,713, Lesters Boy is a stakes sire with progeny earnings of more than $2 million.

Theresa's Pleasure is also the dam of Excessive Theresa, a stakes winner of $290,400 and dam of multiple stakes-placed $222,558-earner Partywithlarryz, stakes winner Theresa's Year and stakes-placed stakes producer Jenna's Joy.

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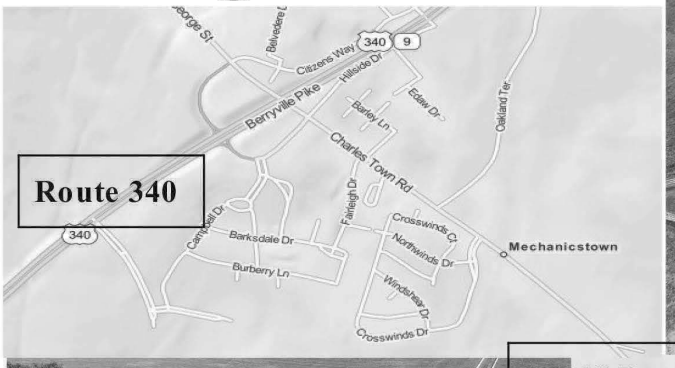

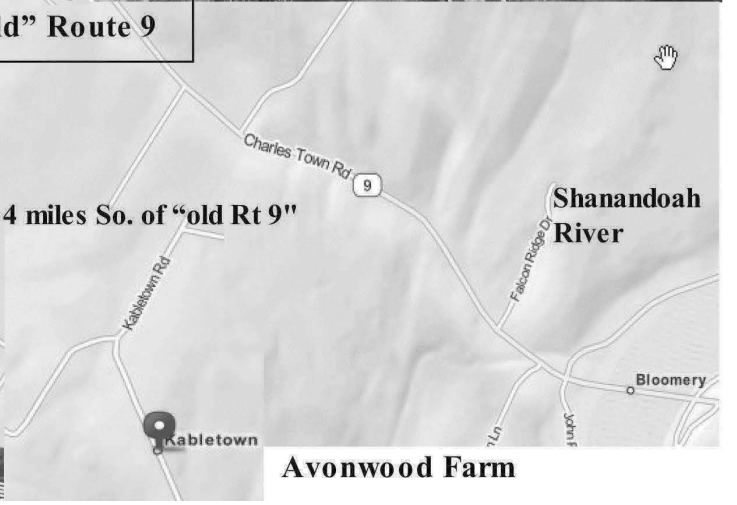

BYBEE STALLIONS MAKE STATEMENTS IN WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia breeder Dennis Bybee has retired his homebred Three Chopt Road to stud at Bybee Road Farm in Charles Town. The 7-year-old son of Rock Slide stands for private contract.

Out of the Halo mare Occasional Virtue, Three Chopt Road is a half-brother to multiple stakes winner and graded stakes-placed Pass the Virtue. An earner of $333,125, Pass the Virtue (by Slavic) won or placed in 18 of her 24 starts over three seasons. She captured the Susan's Girl Breeders' Cup, Rhododendron and Thirty Eight Go Go Stakes at 3, while also placing in three stakes that season, including the Grade 3 Anne Arundel Stakes and Delaware Oaks. She added three stakes placings at 4.

Three Chopt Road descends from the Ridan mare Fran Tan through her stakes-winning daughter Rumbling Roman, who produced major French campaigner Parioli (by Bold Bidder), a six-time group winner and multiple Group 1-placed earner of $203,072. Parioli is the granddam of Italian champion Golden Honor and group winners Fly Dorcego (Brz) and Forever Bond.

Parioli's full sister, Bold Courtesan, is Three Chopt Road's second dam.

Fran Tan is a half-sister to Teo Pepi, dam of top regional sire, stakes-winning Hagley, and additional stakes winners Dr. Riddick and Cast the Die. A five-time stakes winner, Cast the Die is the dam of Devil's Orchid ($604,521, Santa Monica H-G1, Distaff H-G2, etc.) and Grade 3 winner Double Sixes, both multiple stakes producers.

Last year, Bybee lost stallion Ghostly Numbers in a paddock accident at Avonwood Farm in Charles Town. The 14-year-old stakes-winning son of Polish Numbers was represented by his first winner in November at Charles Town, when his daughter Kabletown got up to score in a 4½-furlong maiden for 2-year-old fillies. Bred in the name of Bybee Road Farm, the dark bay filly out of Fayette County, by Sefapiano, is one of four starters from eight foals in Ghostly Numbers' second crop. Trained by Sandra Dono, Kabletown races for Dimitri Racing Stable Inc.

Ghostly Numbers was pasture-bred to six mares in 2012, getting all in foal.

Out of the stakes-winning Silver Ghost mare Overdue Ghost, Ghostly Numbers won 10 of 34 races and earned $280,740. The Maryland-bred captured Meadowlands' William Livingston Stakes and back-to-back runnings of the Mister Diz Stakes at Laurel Park, plus placed in four additional stakes.

Bybee has moved 9-year-old Officer Rocket (GB) to Avonwood Farm, after standing the Officer son at Shotwell Farm in 2012. A graded stakes-winning juvenile who earned $465,981, he stood his first season in 2011 and has five registered yearlings in his first crop.

THIS FLEET IS DUE'S FIRST WINNER DAZZLES

Arctic Dazzler, a 4-year-old gelding from the second crop of This Fleet Is Due, was the easiest of winners at Penn National Jan. 3, cruising home by 4¾ lengths after leading at every call. Tim Hooper sent the chestnut out for the 6-furlong maiden claiming test off a second in his debut three weeks earlier. The win for owner Cobble Stone Stables LLC came at a price, as trainer John Locke scooped up the Pennsylvania-bred gelding for new owner Tbd Owners LLC for $15,000.

Adriana Wagner bred Arctic Dazzler out of the winning Pine Bluff mare Cold Beauty. He is the third starter, and first winner, for This Fleet Is Due, who has 13 foals in his first three crops.

Now 15, This Fleet Is Due entered stud in 2007 at Diamond Crest Farm in Kutztown, Pa., after racing five seasons and earning $351,090 from 23 starts. A son of top handicap horse and multimillionaire Devil His Due, the chestnut was a tough campaigner–in his first 15 starts, he finished in the top three 13 times, and was fourth (in Grade 1 stakes)in the other two.

Second to Burning Roma in the Long Branch Breeders' Cup Stakes at Monmouth in his stakes debut, This Fleet Is Due finished fourth in the Grade 1 Haskell Invitational Handicap (behind Point Given) and Grade 1 Oaklawn Handicap (to Kudos). The six-time winner concluded his career with an allowance score at Delaware Park.

This Fleet Is Due is one of eight winners for his dam Northern Fleet (by Afleet), who also produced Arlington Breeders' Cup Oaks-G3 winner Catboat, who in turn delivered It's Tricky, one of the best fillies in training the past two seasons. An earner of $1,666,500, It's Tricky

won or placed in 13 of 14 starts and was an Eclipse Award finalist at 3 in 2011. Her eight wins, six in stakes, include Grade 1 scores in the Coaching Club American Oaks, Ogden Phipps Handicap and Acorn Stakes. All five of her placings were graded stakes, among them a second in the 2011 Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic-G1.

Glenorthern, This Fleet Is Due's second dam, also produced multiple track record-setter Northern Wolf, winner of the inaugural Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash and five other stakes. Northern Wolf holds the 6-furlong track record at Pimlico (1:09), set in the 1990 De Francis Dash.

This Fleet Is Due stands at Diamond Crest for $1,000 live foal.

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Gulfstream Park - Race 2
Entries Ultimate PPs
MAIDEN CLAIMING. 1 Mile Dirt. Purse $18,500. FOR MAIDENS, FOUR YEAR OLDS. Weight, 124 lbs. Claiming Price $25,000, For Each $2,500 To $20,000 1 lb. (01:29 PM) (9)
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Gulfstream Park - Race 10
Entries Ultimate PPs
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. 1 Mile Dirt. Purse $44,000. FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEAR OLDS. Weight, 122 lbs. (05:24 PM) (12)
February 23, 2007
Turfway Park - Race 12
Entries Ultimate PPs
MAIDEN CLAIMING. 6 1/2 Furlongs Dirt. Purse $7,300. FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEAR OLDS. Weight, 122 lbs. Claiming Price $7,500. (10:17 PM) (10)
February 21, 2007
Gulfstream Park - Race 9
Entries Ultimate PPs Chart
MAIDEN CLAIMING. 1 1/16 Mile Turf. Purse $26,500. FOR MAIDENS, FOUR YEAR OLDS. Weight, 124 lbs. Claiming Price $50,000, For Each $2,500 To $45,000 1 lb. (Horses That Have Raced For Less Than $32,000 Will Be Least Preferred). (If deemed inadvisable to run this race over the Turf course, it will be run on the main track at One Mile). (04:54 PM) (14)
February 18, 2007
Gulfstream Park - Race 5
Entries Ultimate PPs Chart
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. 7 Furlongs Dirt. Purse $44,000. FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES THREE YEARS OLD. Weight, 121 lbs. (02:56 PM) (9)
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Maryland-bred

ACTION ANDY

Pelican Stakes

$60,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., 3 & up. Tampa Bay, Dec. 8.

	Stormy Atlantic	Storm Cat	Storm Bird Terlingua
		Hail Atlantis	Seattle Slew Flippers
Gators N Bears		Notebook	Well Decorated Mobcap
	I'll Be Along	Glide Along	Great Above Something Gay
Action Andy, dk.b./br.g., 2007		Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native Gold Digger
	Not For Love	Dance Number	Northern Dancer Numbered Account
Love Me Twice		Perkin Warbeck	*Vaguely Noble Pretty Pretender
	Gabby's Love	Love Hostage	Hostage Well Loved

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
09	unraced				
10	9	1	3	2	$ 30,800
11 (sw)	10	3 (1)	4 (1)	1 (1)	90,870
12 (sw)	12	7 (6)	1 (1)	2 (2)	448,760
	31	11 (7)	8 (2)	5 (3)	$570,430 (through Dec. 29)

2011: 1st $50,000 **Kitten's Joy S,** 1 1/16 mi., turf, 3 & up, Colonial, July 16; 2nd **Da Hoss S**; 3rd **Laurel Dash S. 2012:** 1st $60,000 **Pelican S,** 6 fur., 4 & up, Tampa Bay, Jan. 7; $50,000 **Super S,** 7 fur., 4 & up, Tampa Bay, Feb. 11; $50,000 **Da Hoss S,** 1 mi., turf, 3 & up, Colonial, June 16; $100,000 **Maryland Million Sprint H,** 6 fur., 3 & up, sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 6; $350,000 **Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash S,** 6 fur., 3 & up, Laurel, Oct. 27; $60,000 **Pelican S**, 6 fur., 3 & up, Tampa Bay, Dec. 8; 2nd **Kitten's Joy S;** 3rd **Maryland Sprint H-G3, Mr. Prospector S-G3.**

Bred by Carol Kaye-Garcia (Md.); owned by Robert Gerczak; trained by Carlos A. Garcia.

Sire: **GATORS N BEARS,** b., 00 (deceased).

Dam: LOVE ME TWICE, b., 01, bred by Carol Kaye Garcia (Md.). Raced 2 years, 2 starts at 3 and 4, 0 wins, $480.

07 **ACTION ANDY**, dk.b./br.g. by Gators N Bears. (FTM Dec 10—$15,000)
08 Saintly Love, dk.b./br.g. by St Averil. Raced 2 years, 22 starts, 6 wins at 3 and 4, $86,734.
09 Twice the Storm, dk.b./br.f. by Fantasticat. Unraced. (FTM Oct 10—$1,000)
11 Phlash Phelps, b.c. by Great Notion. (FTM Oct 12—$85,000)
12 dk.b./br.c. by Temple City.

ALPHA MIKE FOXTROT

Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes

$100,000-guaranteed, 7½ fur., registered Maryland-bred 2-year-olds. Laurel Park, Dec. 29.

	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native	Native Dancer Raise You
		Gold Digger	Nashua Sequence
Two Punch		*Grey Dawn II	*Herbager Polamia
	Heavenly Cause	Lady Dulcinea	Nantallah Shy Dancer
Alpha Mike Foxtrot, b.g., 2010		Ack Ack	Battle Joined Fast Turn
	Broad Brush	Hay Patcher	Hoist the Flag Turn to Talent
Shashobegon		Spectacular Bid	Bold Bidder Spectacular
	Kimonina	Chieftains Miss	Chieftain *Torrelavega

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
12 (sw)	9	2 (1)	3 (1)	2 (1)	$139,720 (through Dec. 29)

2012: 1st $100,000 **Maryland Juvenile Championship S,** 7½ fur., registered Md.-bred 2-year-olds, Laurel, Dec. 29; 2nd **Maryland Million Nursery S;** 3rd **James F. Lewis III S.**

Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Richard W. Small (Md.); owned by Larry Knight Jr.; trained by Richard W. Small.

Sire: **TWO PUNCH,** ro., 83 (deceased).

Dam: **SHASHOBEGON**, b., 95, bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Richard W. Small (Md.). Raced 4 years, 52 starts, 14 wins, 2 to 5, $531,904, Jersey Blues S, Miss Liberty S, Conniver S, Prismatical S, Firecracker H, Decoration Day H, 2nd Chou Croute S, Lady's Secret S, Prismatical S, Furl Sail H, Politely S, 3rd Beaugay H-G3, Personal Ensign S, Lady's Secret S, Winning Colors S, Golden Sylvia H.

02 Mighty Many, ch.f. by Cat Thief. Raced 2 years, 14 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 3, $53,710. Producer.
03 Zouave, b.g. by Rahy. Raced 2 years, 6 starts, 1 win at 4, $25,790. (Kee Sept 04—$130,000)
04 Tanacharisa, b.f. by Kingmambo. Raced 1 year, 4 starts at 3, 0 wins, $1,440. (Kee Sept 05—$35,000)
05 Lovebegon, b.g. by Not for Love. Raced 5 years, 18 starts, 1 win at 4, $25,388. (FTM Oct 06—$6,000)
07 Smartybegone, b.f. by Smarty Jones. Raced 1 year, 3 starts at 4, 0 wins, $4,690. (Kee Nov 07—$190,000; Kee Sept 08—$200,000)
08 ch.f. by Smarty Jones. (Kee Sept 09—$4,500)
09 Dillonbegon, b.g. by Medallist. Raced 2 years, 17 starts, 1 win at 3, $14,090.
10 **ALPHA MIKE FOXTROT**, b.g. by by Two Punch.
11 gr./ro.c. by Two Punch. Died 2012. (FTM Dec 11—$4,000)

MYSTIC LOVE

Dania Beach Stakes

$100,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., turf, 2-year-olds. Gulfstream Park, Dec. 15.

	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native	Native Dancer Raise You
		Gold Digger	Nashua Sequence
Not For Love		Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
	Dance Number	Numbered Account	Buckpasser Intriguing
Mystic Love, dk.b./br.f., 2010		Dixieland Band	Northern Dancer Mississippi Mud
	Dixie Union	She's Tops	Capote She's a Talent
Memories of Mystic		Nepal	Raja Baba Dumtadumtadum
	Mystic Dance	Chain Dance	Linkage Discorama

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
12 (sw)	4	3 (2)	0	0	$174,760 (through Dec. 15)

2012: 1st $150,000 **Selima S** (includes $50,000 Md. Fund), 5½ fur., turf, 2-year-old fillies, Laurel, Oct. 27; $100,000 **Dania Beach S,** 1 mi., turf, 2-year-olds, Gulfstream, Dec. 15.

Bred by Dark Hollow Farm (Md.); owned by John Davison; trained by Jessica J. Campitelli.
Sire: **NOT FOR LOVE,** b., 90, stands at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.
Dam: MEMORIES OF MYSTIC, dk.b./br., 04, bred by Dark Hollow Farm (Md.). Raced 2 years, 8 starts, 1 win at 3, $29,020.
09 Chiyu Cheonhwang, b.c. by Broken Vow. Unraced. (FTM Oct 10—$1,200)
10 **MYSTIC LOVE**, dk.b./br.f. by Not For Love. (FTM Oct 11—$21,000)
11 dk.b./br.c. by Roman Ruler. (FTM Oct 12—$15,000)
12 b.c. by Tiz Wonderful.

WALKWITHAPURPOSE

Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship Stakes
$100,000-guaranteed, 7½ fur., registered Maryland-bred 2-year-old fillies.
Laurel Park, Dec. 31.

	Ride the Rails	Cryptoclearance	Fappiano
			Naval Orange
		Herbalesian	*Herbager
	Candy Ride (Arg)		Alanesian
		Candy Stripes	Blushing Groom (Fr)
			Bubble Company (Fr)
	Candy Girl	City Girl	Farnesio (Arg)
			Cithara
Walkwithapurpose, b.f., 2010		Ack Ack	Battle Joined
			Fast Turn
	Broad Brush	Hay Patcher	Hoist the Flag
			Turn to Talent
	Lightning Lydia	Balzac	Buckpasser
			Irish Mail
	Bye the Bye	Near Bye Lady	Bye and Near
			Menaris

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
12 (sw)	4	3 (1)	0	1	$107,210 (through Dec. 31)

2012: 1st $100,000 **Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S,** 7½ fur., registered Md.-bred 2-year-old fillies, Laurel, Dec. 31.
Bred and owned by Sagamore Farm LLC (Md.); trained by Ignacio Correas IV.
Sire: **CANDY RIDE (Arg),** b., 99, stands at Lane's End, Versailles, Ky.
Dam: **Lightning Lydia**, b., 01, bred by Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds (Ky.). Raced 3 years, 9 starts, 1 win at 3, $16,018, 3rd Bueno S. (Kee Nov 07—$57,000 in foal to Congrats; Kee Nov 10—$20,000 in foal to Broken Vow)
06 Northern Winn, b.f. by Northern Afleet. Raced 5 years, 43 starts, 12 wins, 2 to 6, $94,751. (FTK Oct 07—$6,000)
07 Bud Lightning, b.g. by Alke. Raced 2 years, 16 starts at 3 and 4, 0 wins, $3,470. (FTK Oct 08—$4,000)
08 **Go Maire Tu**, b.g. by Congrats. Raced 3 years, 33 starts, 5 wins, 2 to 4, $128,022, 3rd Maryland Juvenile Championship S.
09 **CHARGED COTTON**, b.f. by Dehere. Raced 2 years, 7 starts, 3 wins at 3, $109,291, All Brandy S.
10 **WALKWITHAPURPOSE**, b.f. by Candy Ride (Arg).
11 Flywire, ch.c. by Broken Vow.
12 dk.b./br.c. by Ghostzapper.

Pennsylvania-bred

ARLO

Auld Lang Syne Stakes
$75,000-guaranteed, 1 mi. and 70 yds., 3 & up. Parx Racing, Dec. 31.

	Deputy Minister	Vice Regent	Northern Dancer
			Victoria Regina
		Mint Copy	Bunty's Flight
	Defrere		Shakney
		Secretariat	Bold Ruler
			Somethingroyal
	Sister Dot	Sword Game	Damascus
			Bill and I
Arlo, dk.b./br.g., 2008		Crafty Prospector	Mr. Prospector
			Real Crafty Lady
	Crafty Friend	Companionship	Princely Native
			Lifelong Friend
	Crafty Compliment	Mercedes Won	Air Forbes Won
			Bye Bye Mercedes
	Congratulations	Super Me	Super Concorde
			Near Me Now

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10	1	0	1	0	$ 5,600
11	17	3	4	2	122,590
12 (sw)	11	5 (1)	3	0	231,040
	29	8 (1)	8	2	$359,230 (through Dec. 31)

2012: 1st $75,000 **Auld Lang Syne S,** 1 mi. and 70 yds., 3 & up, Parx, Dec. 31.
Bred by Larry Suloman and Darlene Suloman (Pa.); owned by Jane Gilbert; trained by Cynthia G. Reese.
Sire: **DEFRERE,** dk.b./br., 92, stands at Walnford Stud, Allentown, N.J.
Dam: CRAFTY COMPLIMENT, ch., 03, bred by Hopewell Investments LLC (Ky.). Raced 3 years, 16 starts, 3 wins at 3, $30,255. (Kee Sept 04—$40,000; FTM May 05—$72,000; FTK Feb 07—$7,000; FTM Dec 07—$3,200 in foal to Defrere)
08 **ARLO**, dk.b./br.g. by Defrere.
09 Smartisan, b.g. by Smart Guy. Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 3, 0 wins, $2,244.

ESTRICKATOR

My Dandy Texas Stallion Stakes
$75,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., 2-year-old colts and geldings nominated to the Texas Stallion Stakes. Retama Park, Dec. 8.

	Gone West	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
		Secrettame	Secretariat
Intimidator			Tamerett
	Colonial Play	Pleasant Colony	His Majesty
			Sun Colony
		Meteor Stage	Stage Door Johnny
Estrickator, b.g., 2010			Northern Meteor
	Clever Trick	Icecapade	Nearctic
			Shenanigans
		Kankakee Miss	Better Bee
Estrick			Golden Beach
	Tracy's Espoir	Silent Screen	Prince John
			Prayer Bell
		Persian Susan	*Herbager
			Class Is Out

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
12 (sw)	6	3 (1)	1 (1)	2 (2)	$117,418 (through Dec. 8)

2012: 1st $75,000 **My Dandy Texas Stallion S,** 6 fur., 2-year-old colts and geldings nominated to the Texas Stallion S, Retama, Dec. 8; 2nd **Governor's Cup S;** 3rd **Kip Deville S, Staunch Avenger Texas Stallion S.**
Bred and owned by Connie Scherr (Pa.); trained by Steven M. Asmussen.
Sire: **INTIMIDATOR,** b., 01, stands at Asmussen Horse Center, Laredo, Tex.
Dam: ESTRICK, b., 90, bred by Robert E. Masterson (Ky.). Raced 3 years, 29 starts, 7 wins, 3 to 5, $74,669.
99 Julie Babe, b.f. by Bionic Prospect. Raced 2 years, 4 starts, 2 wins at 3, $9,300. (OBS Aug 00—$22,000) Producer.
01 Exotica Jones, dk.b./br.f. by Seneca Jones. Unraced. Producer.
02 Foal died.
04 Esseneca, dk.b./br.f. by Seneca Jones. Unraced. Dam of **ESSCALATOR** (2 wins, $64,457 at 2, 2012, Darby's Daughter Texas Stallion S).
06 Earlina, b.f. by Seneca Jones. Unraced. (Tex March 08—$35,000)
07 Barren.
08 Estaprimo, b.f. by Primal Storm. Raced 3 years, 23 starts, 2 wins at 4, $58,236.
09 Slipped.
10 **ESTRICKATOR**, b.g. by Intimidator.
11 First Trick, b.c. by Primal Storm.
12 Estaticator, dk.b./br.c. by Intimidator.

OFFICER ALEX

Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes
$75,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered Pennsylvania-bred 2-year-old colts and geldings. Parx Racing, Dec. 8.

	Bertrando	Skywalker	Relaunch
			Bold Captive
		Gentle Hands	Buffalo Lark
Officer			Three Red Bells
	St. Helens Shadow	Septieme Ciel	Seattle Slew
			Maximova (Fr)
		Little Bar Fly	Raise a Man
Officer Alex, b.c., 2010			Splendid Ack Ack
	Boca Rio	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
		Native Street	Native Dancer
Ms. C D Player			*Beaver Street
	Caros Dolly	Caros Love	Caro (Ire)
			Lady Jove
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	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
12 (sw)	3	2 (1)	0	0	$72,222 (through Dec. 8)

2012: 1st $75,000 **Pennsylvania Nursery S,** 7 fur., registered Pa.-bred 2-year-old colts and geldings, Parx, Dec. 8.

Bred by The Elkstone Group LLC (Pa.); owned by Winning Horses Stable and Choctaw Racing Stable; trained by Lynn S. Whiting.

Sire: **OFFICER,** dk.b./br., 99, stands at KRA Jeju Stud Farm, Jeju-Do, Korea.

Dam: MS. C D PLAYER, gr./ro., 97, bred by Leonard Dunham (Wash.). Raced 4 years, 45 starts, 10 wins, 3 to 5, $193,505. (Kee Jan 08—$7,000 in foal to Kafwain)

05 Sally Sally Sally, b.c. by Slew City Slew. Unraced.

06 **OFFICER IPOD,** gr./ro.c. by Officer. Raced 3 years, 15 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, $189,652, High Yield S, 2nd Sanford S-G2, Sapling S-G3, Pennsylvania Nursery S.

07 Barren.

08 Eight Gig Nano, dk.b./br.f. by Kafwain. Raced 3 years, 20 starts, 2 wins at 2, $51,900.

09 Love Those Cds, gr./ro.g. by Love of Money. Raced 2 years, 7 starts, 2 wins at 3, $32,050.

10 **OFFICER ALEX**, b.c. by Officer. (Kee Nov 10—$75,000; FTM May 12—$65,000)

12 gr./ro.c. by Rockport Harbor.

ROD'S FIVE STAR

Valley Forge Stakes

$75,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., 3 & up. Parx Racing, Dec. 18.

	Carson City	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
		Blushing Promise	Blushing Groom (Fr)
			Summertime Promise
Five Star Day		Vanlandingham	Cox's Ridge
	Reggie V		Populi
		Regent's Walk	Vice Regent
			Lover's Walk
Rod's Five Star, ch.g., 2008			
	Marquetry	Conquistador Cielo	Mr. Prospector
			K D Princess
		Regent's Walk	Vice Regent
Lady Silverrod			Lover's Walk
	Bright Image	Summer Squall	Storm Bird
			Weekend Surprise
		Vivid Imagination	Raise a Man
			Imagining

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
10	1	1	0	0	$ 25,200
11	5	4	0	0	127,620
12 (sw)	6	2 (1)	2 (2)	2 (2)	139,950
	12	7 (1)	2 (2)	2 (2)	$292,770 (through Dec. 18)

2012: 1st $75,000 **Valley Forge S,** 6 fur., 3 & up, Parx, Dec. 18; 2nd **Banjo Picker Sprint S, Bensalem S**; 3rd **Donald LeVine Memorial H, Lyman H.**

Bred and owned by Silverrod Stables Inc. (Pa.); trained by Edward Lehman.

Sire: **FIVE STAR DAY,** ch., 96, stands at Wintergreen Stallion Station, Midway, Ky.

Dam: LADY SILVERROD, ch., 02, bred by Phillip F. McCarthy, West Coast Stables, P & J Farms and Lynn Jones (Ky.). Raced 3 years, 19 starts, 4 wins at 2 and 3, $71,140. (Kee Sept 03—$50,000)

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08 **ROD'S FIVE STAR**, ch.g. by Five Star Day.

09 Barren.

10 Chief Exchanger, gr./ro.g. by Exchange Rate. Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 2, 0 wins, $2,340. (FTM Oct 11—$55,000)

ZEEWAT

Gold Rush Stakes

$75,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., 2-year-olds. Golden Gate Fields, Dec. 8.

	Harlan	Storm Cat	Storm Bird
			Terlingua
		Country Romance	Halo
			Sweet Romance
Harlan's Holiday		Affirmed	Exclusive Native
	Christmas in Aiken		Won't Tell You
		Dowager	Honest Pleasure
			Princessnesian
Zeewat, b.c., 2010			
	Distant View	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
		Seven Springs	Irish River (Fr)
Delizia			La Trinite (Fr)
	Felidia (Ire)	Golden Fleece	Nijinsky II
			Exotic Treat
		Exclusive Fable	Exclusive Native
			Ancient Fables

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
12 (sw)	5	3 (2)	0	1 (1)	$117,700 (through Dec. 8)

2012: 1st $75,000 **Cavonnier Juvenile S,** 6 fur., 2-year-olds, Santa Rosa, Aug. 12; $75,000 **Gold Rush S,** 1 mi., 2-year-olds, Golden Gate, Dec. 8; 3rd **Golden Nugget S.**

Bred by Derry Meeting Farm (Pa.); owned by Jerry Hollendorfer and George Todaro; trained by Jerry Hollendorfer.

Sire: **HARLAN'S HOLIDAY,** b., 99, stands at WinStar Farm LLC, Versailles, Ky.

Dam: DELIZIA, ch., 00, bred by Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Moss (Ky.). Raced 2 years, 11 starts, 2 wins at 4, $74,371. (Kee Nov 05—$150,000; FTK Nov 07—$180,000 in foal to Posse)

07 Barren.

08 I'm Wanted, ch.f. by Posse. Raced 3 years, 27 starts, 6 wins at 3 and 4, $177,784. (FTM Oct 09—$3,500)

10 **ZEEWAT**, b.c. by Harlan's Holiday. (Kee Sept 11—$50,000)

11 Henny Jenney, ch.f. by Henny Hughes. (Kee Sept 12—$60,000)

12 b.c. by Pleasantly Perfect.

West Virginia-bred

QUEEN'O'DABALL

Eleanor Casey Memorial Stakes

$50,000-added, 7 fur., registered accredited West Virginia-bred 2-year-old fillies. Charles Town, Dec. 15.

	Lord Carson	Carson City	Mr. Prospector
			Blushing Promise
		Bedgay's Lady	Lord Gaylord
Windsor Castle			Lady Beddard
	Frigidette	It's Freezing	T. V. Commercial
			Articana
		Princess Met	Mehmet
			Cloud Ho
Queen'o'daball, ch.f., 2010			
	Put It Back	Honour and Glory	Relaunch
			Fair to All
		Miss Shoplifter	Exuberant
Return Trick			Articulate Robbery
	Great Trick	Clever Trick	Icecapade
			Kankakee Miss
		Great Light	Rube the Great
			Light Face

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
12 (sw)	6	3 (2)	0	1 (1)	$97,047 (through Dec. 15)

2012: 1st $50,000 **West Virginia Futurity** (filly div.), 7 fur., 2-year-olds out of mares covered by a registered W.Va. stallion or registered with the WVTDF, Charles Town, Dec. 1; $50,000 **Eleanor Casey Memorial S,** 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 2-year-old fillies, Charles Town, Dec. 15; 3rd **Tri-State Futurity** (filly div.).

Bred and trained by James W. Casey (W.Va.); owned by Taylor Mountain Farm LLC.

Sire: **WINDSOR CASTLE,** b., 98, stands at Taylor Mountain Farm LLC, Charles Town, W.Va.

Dam: RETURN TRICK, ch., 03, bred by Arthur I. Appleton (Fla.). Raced 3 years, 22 starts, 5 wins at 2 and 3, $87,140.

09 Thiscouldbetricky, ch.f. by Windsor Castle. Raced 2 years, 13 starts, 1 win at 3, $10,820.

10 **QUEEN'O'DABALL**, ch.f. by Windsor Castle.

11 b.f. by Windsor Castle.

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Brushed by greatness

Maryland Juvenile Championship winners carry on Broad Brush tradition

By Lynne Snierson

Alpha Mike Foxtrot and Walkwithapurpose have more in common than their victories in the 2012 Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes at Laurel Park for their respective genders. Both can claim the redoubtable Broad Brush as their maternal grand sire.

"Broad Brush is one of those gifts that keep on giving," said Richard Small, who trained the Robert Meyerhoff homebred in the mid-1980s. Small now conditions Alpha Mike Foxtrot, a gelded son of Two Punch out of Shashobegon, whom he bred with Tom and Chris Bowman.

Called "Mike" around the barn, the victor in the $100,000 Maryland Juvenile Championship Dec. 29 made nine starts during his 2-year-old season and won twice while finishing second three times and third twice. He is owned by Larry Knight Jr. and his wife, former jockey Andrea Seefeldt.

"Andrea won 23 stakes races when she was riding for me. She even won a race on this horse's grandmother, Kimonina (two actually, in 1992)," said Small. "So there are a whole bunch of things that are kind of neat about this horse and they go a long way back, even past Broad Brush."

Broad Brush was a Maryland legend – winning 14 of 27 lifetime starts, capturing four Grade 1 stakes and earning more than $2.6 million. As a sire at Gainesway Farm in Kentucky, he led the country in 1994. His son Concern won the 1994 Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 and his daughter Farda Amiga won the 2002 Alabama-G1 and Kentucky Oaks-G1 and earned an Eclipse Award as the nation's best 3-year-old filly. Pensioned in June 2004, he died two years later at 26.

JIM MCCUE (2)

The 2012 Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes winners Alpha Mike Foxtrot (left) and Walkwithapurpose are both out of Broad Brush mares.

Small said that he thought Broad Brush would be an excellent broodmare sire because of his pedigree (Ack Ack—Hay Patcher, by Hoist the Flag) but it took quite a while before the trainer and the Bowmans got the results they had hoped for.

"The grandmother of this horse (Alpha Mike Foxtrot) was the first decent horse we had, and we had a lot of horses before her but they were forgettable. She's the first one that Tom and I had that was any count and we kept her to breed," Small said. "The mare (Kimonina's daughter, Shashobegon) had quite a few foals but they all sort of had holes in them. Then this little fella came along and he's been absolutely delightful for us."

Alpha Mike Foxtrot isn't the biggest, strongest or fastest horse Small has worked with, but he said the gelding has plenty of grit and always tries the best he can. He certainly proved that while winning the Maryland Juvenile Championship, where he encountered trouble but still kicked clear late to cover 7½ furlongs on a sloppy track in 1:34.51 under Forest Boyce. Sent off at nearly 10-1, the winner outran Hanky Doodle and Peeds in a Pod late, with favorite Lunar Rock a well-beaten sixth in the field of nine state-breds.

"He got bounced around at the start and that made him mad. But then all the way down the backside, he got boxed in with horses all around him and there wasn't anything he could do. He tried to get out of there and he couldn't," Small said. "Forest did an amazing job of keeping him from running up on horses' heels and then letting him run after he did get out. Most young horses would have said 'to hell with this.' She gets a million gold stars for that ride."

Boyce also got her 100th win of 2012 in that race, after getting 99 in 2011, and that especially pleased Small.

"That part was pretty neat, too, because she pretty much grew up in my barn and worked for me for a really long time before she started riding," Small said. "There are a whole bunch of neat story lines where this horse is concerned."

Alpha Mike Foxtrot will get a chance to prove himself in tougher company as Small will target open races for the horse's sophomore schedule.

Walk like a winner

Trainer Ignacio Correas IV had the same thoughts for Sagamore Farm homebred Walkwithapurpose after she won the $100,000 Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship Dec. 31. Moved to the year's final day due to a weather cancellation, the race did not disappoint.

The daughter of Candy Ride (Arg) out of the Broad Brush mare Lightning Lydia certainly turned heads when she blazed 7½ furlongs on a fast track in 1:32.67 in gate-to-wire fashion, winning by 8 lengths even though jockey Jeremy Rose was gearing her down inside the sixteenth pole. Sent off as a slight favorite over Hot Fun in the five-horse field, Walkwithapurpose grabbed the lead from her inside post after an opening quarter in 23.71 seconds and was quickly alone on the lead. Hot Fun gave chase, but settled for a distant second, a length ahead of No Means No.

The victory was the third straight, all at Laurel, for the bay filly after starting her career with a third at Timonium.

"She is very impressive and I expected her to win big, but not that big," said Correas, a private trainer for Sagamore with 30 of the farm's horses in his care. "She's not really a good working horse. She never really gives you a whole lot, but she still gets the job done. I thought she was going to do it easy, yes, but by 8 lengths? No."

Walkwithapurpose's trainer, who has worked with the filly since she was a yearling, termed her a "squirrel" when she first started learning how to be a racehorse. But then the half-sister to Go Maire Tu (third in the 2010 Maryland Juvenile Championship) and 2012 All Brandy Stakes winner Charged Cotton became a quick study.

"She's very easy to be around and she's learning," he said. "Race after race, she gets better. She has become very professional."

While rebuilding historic Sagamore, once owned by the Vanderbilt family and where Hall of Famers Native Dancer, Discovery and Bed o' Roses are buried, and restoring the 530-acre farm to prominence, the philosophy of current owner Kevin Plank, the CEO of Under Armour Sportswear, and farm manager Tom Mullikin is to proceed slowly, steadily and patiently. Their stated goal is to produce a new line of champions.

Judging from her performance at Laurel, Walkwithapurpose may have the potential to become one–with the Grade 2 Black-Eyed Susan Stakes at Pimlico in May on her long-term plan for 2013. ❧

Maryland-bred Stakes Winners

Juvenile Mystic Love takes show on road, defeats the boys

The filly Mystic Love solidified her standing as the best Maryland-bred juvenile of 2012 after her score in the $100,000 Dania Beach Stakes over a field of nine colts and geldings at Gulfstream Park Dec. 15.

Making her first start outside of Maryland, the daughter of Not For Love trained by the husband/wife team of Francis and Jessica Campitelli got her third win in four starts for owner John Davison, and increased her bankroll to $174,760.

Never defeated on the grass, Mystic Love raced close to the pace while saving ground under Elvis Trujillo in the 1-mile Dania Beach, spurted clear as the field headed into the stretch and held off a late rally by even-money favorite Charming Kitten to win by a half length. Overlooked by the bettors, she paid $34.

"We believed in her. It was more that we really didn't want to go a mile and a sixteenth for her first time going two turns," said Jessie Campitelli, who handles the training duties for the Campitelli stable in Florida. "So we chose to run against the boys."

"She's always trained like the longer the better, really," said Franny Campitelli, who joined his wife in the winner's circle. "Her getting the distance wasn't a great surprise. I was more surprised she was able to win at five and a half."

Mystic Love got her first stakes win in the 5½-furlong $150,000 Selima Stakes at Laurel Park on Oct. 27.

Bred in Maryland by Dark Hollow Farm, Mystic Love is the second foal out of the winning Dixie Union mare Memories of Mystic. Davison purchased the filly for $21,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall yearling sale from the Dark Hollow Farm consignment. ❧

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MHIB Touch of Class Award winners

Jacob Pope (second from left) accepted the November Touch of Class Award from Maryland Horse Industry Board committee member Jane Thery, Maryland Department of Agriculture Secretary Buddy Hance and MHIB chairman Jim Steele (right). The McDonogh School senior from Columbia (Howard County) won the ASPCA Maclay National Championship in equitation at the National Horse Show. Pope rode in the Lisbon Christmas Horse Parade on Dec. 7 with Hance and members of the MHIB.

VANESSA ORLANDO (2)

Officer Megan Lau of the Maryland National Capital Park Police, Montgomery County division, received the December Touch of Class Award from Maryland Department of Agriculture Secretary Buddy Hance and MHIB chairman Jim Steele. Winner of the overall National Mounted Police Equitation Championship at the North American Police Equestrian Championships, Lau rode with the Capital Police unit, a color guard in the Lisbon Christmas Horse Parade. Lau lives in Dickerson (Montgomery County).

Maryland Fund Report

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks from November 26 to December 23, 2012.

Jennings Handicap

December 1. Purse $100,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds and up, registered Maryland-breds. 1 mi. 7 competed. (Closed with 15 nominations.) Winner: EIGHTTOFASTTOCATCH, by Not For Love. Breeder Bonus: Dark Hollow Farm and Herringswell Stable ($10,500). Stallion Bonus: Not For Love Syndicate ($5,250). Second: HELLO LOVER, by Not For Love. Breeder Bonus: Linda D. Newton ($3,500). Stallion bonus: Not For Love Syndicate ($1,750). Third: CHARGE, by Jump Start. Breeder Bonus: Hickory Plains and Franklin Smith Sr. ($1,750). Stallion Bonus: None. Fourth: ALBRECHT, by Include. Breeder Bonus: Fitzhugh LLC ($1,050). Stallion Bonus: None.

Marylander Stakes

December 1. $25,000 Maryland Fund purse premium. For 2-year-olds. 7 fur. 6 competed. (Closed with 20 nominations.) Winner: None. Second: None. Third: HAMP, by Sky Mesa. Owner bonus: Sagamore Farm LLC ($2,500). Fourth: None. Fifth: None. Sixth: None.

City of Laurel Stakes

December 8. $25,000 Maryland Fund purse premium. For 3-year-olds. 7 fur. 5 competed. (Closed with 19 nominations.) Winner: None. Second: BELLEFIRE, by Proud Citizen. Owner bonus: Joseph J. Balsamo ($5,000). Third: None. Fourth: None. Fifth: None. Sixth: None.

Willa On the Move Stakes

December 15. $25,000 Maryland Fund purse premium. For 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares. 6 fur. 6 competed. (Closed with 22 nominations.) No Maryland-breds in top six.

Thirty Eight Go Go Stakes

December 22. $25,000 Maryland Fund purse premium. For 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares. 1 mi. 8 competed. (Closed with 22 nominations.) Winner: None. Second: None. Third: BOLD AFFAIR, by Two Punch. Owner bonus: Charles Reed and Michael Zanella ($2,500). Fourth: ACCESS TO CHARLIE, by Indian Charlie. Owner bonus: Howard M. Bender ($1,500). Fifth: None. Sixth: PLUM, by Pure Prize. Owner bonus: Dark Hollow Farm ($250).

Breeder bonuses

Arden Acres Ltd.—BOMB DUST: Dec. 12, 6th race, $2,094.75.

William M. Backer—LEATHER GLOVES: Dec. 22, 2nd race, $1,496.25.

Joe Balsamo—BELLEFIRE: Dec. 8, 8th race, $3,500.

Bender and Bender LLC—ACCESS TO CHARLIE: Dec. 22, 8th race, $1,050. BEAR ACCESS: Dec. 7, 7th race, $3,790.50/$2,707.50. CLASSIC WILDCAT: Dec. 21, 3rd race, $1,496.25. MORE THAN A CRUISE: Dec. 5, 8th race, $3,990. READY TO CRUISE: Nov. 30, 4th race, $2,094.75. ($15,129)

Bowman and Higgins Stable—TRAPPIST MONK: Nov. 28, 2nd race, $1,496.25.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Milton P. Higgins III—AWESOME DEVINE: Nov. 28, 8th race, $3,990.

Susan L. Christiansen—POUNCE INTO SPRING: Dec. 6, 6th race, $2,294.25.

Country Roads Ltd.—MASS DESTRUCTION: Dec. 19, 8th race, $4,488.75.

John T. Crane and Margaret M. Crane—BANNER BOY: Nov. 29, 7th race, $2,493.75/$1,781.25; Dec. 13, 6th race, $3,990. ($8,265)

Dark Hollow Farm and Herringswell Stable—EIGHTTOFASTTOCATCH: Dec. 1, 8th race, $10,500.

Rosalee C. Davison Revocable Trust—NASTAR MEDALLIST: Dec. 15, 2nd race, $1,296.75.

Elberton Hill Farm—SICUT QUERCUS: Nov. 30, 5th race, $1,795.50/$1,282.50. ($3,078)

Fitzhugh LLC—ALBRECHT: Dec. 1, 8th race, $1,050.

Gregory Garton—ARMI BASE: Dec. 19, 1st race, $1,396.50/$997.50. ($2,394)

Green Willow Farms—KOH I NOOR: Dec. 13, 8th race, $4,289.25. PEEDS IN A POD: Dec. 12, 7th race, $3,790.50/$2,707.50. ($10,787.25)

Keith A. Harpster—LUNAR ROCK: Dec. 6, 8th race, $3,990.

Michael J. Harrison DVM—RUNNING GAME: Dec. 5, 9th race, $1,396.50/$997.50. ($2,394)

Hickory Plains LLC—BILLY CHAPEL: Nov. 29, 6th race, $2,294.25. NO MEANS NO: Dec. 6, 7th race, $3,790.50/$2,707.50. ($8,792.25)

Hickory Plains and Franklin Smith Sr.—CHARGE: Dec. 1, 8th race, $1,750.

Edwin C. Jenkins—PRINTASTICAT: Dec. 22, 4th race, $1,496.25.

Karl B. Johnson Sr.—SPELLIT: Dec. 8, 7th race, $1,496.25.

Carol A. Kaye—ROCK SLIDE CLASSIC: Dec. 8, 2nd race, $2,094.75.

Dr. Fred T. Lewis—ROYAL RUMBLE: Dec. 13, 5th race, $1,296.75.

Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—LOVE TALK: Dec. 8, 5th race, $1,496.25.

Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—ANDROS: Dec. 15, 9th race, $1,795.50/$1,282.50. ($3,078)

Wayne and Juanita Morris—COUNT ON HOPE: Dec. 22, 9th race, $1,396.50/$997.50. PETER'S CREEK: Nov. 29, 3rd race, $1,695.75; Dec. 22, 5th race, $1,995. QUANTICO QUEEN: Nov. 30, 2nd race, $1,296.75. ($7,381.50)

Nancy Lee Farms—BET THE CAT: Dec. 20, 3rd race, $1,396.50/$997.50. ($2,394)

Linda D. Newton—HELLO LOVER: Dec. 1, 8th race, $3,500.

PTK LLC—WILD LOUIS: Dec. 5, 4th race, $2,294.25.

Stephen E. Quick and WynOaks Farm, LLC—BRENDA'S WAY: Nov. 29, 2nd race, $2,194.50; Dec. 19, 2nd race, $2,493.75. ($4,688.25)

Yigal Rappaport—SOME WAY SOME HOW: Nov. 29, 1st race, $1,596/$1,140. ($2,736)

Charles Reed and Michael Zanella—BOLD AFFAIR: Dec. 22, 8th race, $1,750.

Rob Ry Farm and Jayne M. Slysz—BUBBIE HON: Dec. 12, 2nd race, $1,496.25.

Sagamore Farm LLC—HAMP: Dec. 1, 7th race, $1,750. TINDERBOX: Dec. 6, 5th race, $1,695.75. ($3,445.75)

Kenneth Santill—DISCO ELVIS: Dec. 19, 9th race, $2,493.75/$1,781.25. ($4,275)

William T. Shook—SHOOKSTOWN ROAD: Dec. 20, 9th race, $1,496.25.

Skeedattle Associates—SIMMADOWNNOW: Dec. 1, 4th race, $2,493.75/$1,781.25. ($4,275)

Bruce Smart—BOREAL FOREST: Dec. 12, 4th race, $1,995.

Hamilton A. Smith—CULPEPPER COLONEL: Dec. 12, 9th race, $1,296.75.

Thornmar Farm LLC—BRAWL: Dec. 12, 3rd race, $2,194.50. GLIB: Dec. 21, 5th race, $2,294.25. ($4,488.75)

Owner bonuses

Howard M. Bender—BEAR ACCESS: Dec. 7, 7th race, $3,790.50. MORE THAN A CRUISE: Dec. 5, 8th race, $3,990. ($7,780.50)

Bloom Racing Stable—DISCO ELVIS: Dec. 19, 9th race, $2,493.75.

Gregory Garton—ARMI BASE: Dec. 19, 1st race, $1,396.50.

Keith A. Harpster—LUNAR ROCK: Dec. 6, 8th race, $3,990.

SPECIAL MAIDEN RACE BONUS PAYMENTS

$5,000 MSW PAYMENTS (Nov. 26-Dec. 23, 2012):
Howard M. Bender; Hickory Plains; David Peed and Danny P. Divver.

MAIDEN CLAIMING PAYMENTS (Nov. 26-Dec. 23, 2012):
Bloom Racing Stable ($4,000); Gregory A. Garton ($2,000); Michael J. Harrison ($2,000); Havenshire Farm ($2,000); Dan Marchant ($3,000); Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr. ($3,000); Morris Stable LLC ($2,000); Nancy Lee Farms ($2,000); Skeedattle Associates ($4,000); Team Gaudet ($4,000).

Breeder loyalty bonuses

Additional 12.5 percent bonus paid to breeders of all maiden race winners at the Laurel Fall meet (Nov. 26 through Dec. 23).

Bender and Bender LLC—BEAR ACCESS: Dec 7, 7th race, $2,707.50. (Total breeder bonuses—$6,498)

John T. Crane and Margaret M. Crane—BANNER BOY: Nov 29, 7th race, $1,781.25. (Total breeder bonuses—$4,275)

Elberton Hill Farm—SICUT QUERCUS: Nov 30, 5th race, $1,282.50. (Total breeder bonuses—$3,078)

Gregory Garton—ARMI BASE: Dec 19, 1st race, $997.50. (Total breeder bonuses—$2,394)

Green Willow Farms—PEEDS IN A POD: Dec 12, 7th race, $2,707.50. (Total breeder bonuses—$6,498)

Michael J. Harrison DVM—RUNNING GAME: Dec 5, 9th race, $997.50. (Total breeder bonuses—$2,394)

Hickory Plains LLC—NO MEANS NO: Dec 6, 7th race, $2,707.50. (Total breeder bonuses—$6,498)

Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—ANDROS: Dec 15, 9th race, $1,282.50. (Total breeder bonuses—$3,078)

Wayne and Juanita Morris—COUNT ON HOPE: Dec 22, 9th race, $997.50. (Total breeder bonuses—$2,394)

Nancy Lee Farms—BET THE CAT: Dec 20, 3rd race, $997.50. (Total breeder bonuses—$2,394)

Yigal Rappaport—SOME WAY SOME HOW: Nov 29, 1st race, $1,140. (Total breeder bonuses—$2,736)

Kenneth Santill—DISCO ELVIS: Dec 19, 9th race, $1,781.25. (Total breeder bonuses—$4,275)

Skeedattle Associates—SIMMADOWNNOW: Dec 1, 4th race, $1,781.25. (Total breeder bonuses—$4,275)

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Michael J. Harrison DVM—RUNNING GAME: Dec. 5, 9th race, $1,396.50.

Havenshire Farm—SOME WAY SOME HOW: Nov. 29, 1st race, $1,596.

Hickory Plains—NO MEANS NO: Dec. 6, 7th race, $3,790.50.

Hot Silks Racing Stable LLC and Carolyn Green—KOH I NOOR: Dec. 13, 8th race, $4,289.25.

Dan Marchant—SICUT QUERCUS: Nov. 30, 5th race, $1,795.50.

Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—ANDROS: Dec. 15, 9th race, $1,795.50.

Morris Stable LLC—COUNT ON HOPE: Dec. 22, 9th race, $1,396.50.

Nancy Lee Farms—BET THE CAT: Dec. 20, 3rd race, $1,396.50.

Florence Patitucci—AWESOME DEVINE: Nov. 28, 8th race, $3,990.

David Peed and Danny P. Divver—PEEDS IN A POD: Dec. 12, 7th race, $3,790.50.

PTK LLC—BANNER BOY: Dec. 13, 6th race, $3,990.

Skeedattle Associates—SIMMADOWNNOW: Dec. 1, 4th race, $2,493.75.

Team Gaudet—BANNER BOY: Nov. 29, 7th race, $2,493.75.

Walter Vieser II—MASS DESTRUCTION: Dec. 19, 8th race, $4,488.75.

Stallion bonuses

BOWMAN'S BAND (Shookstown Road: Dec. 20, 9th race, $748.13): Maryland Stallion Station and Martin Schwartz.

CHEROKEE'S BOY (Lunar Rock: Dec. 6, 8th race, $1,995): ZWP Stable.

DANCE WITH RAVENS (Running Game: Dec. 5, 9th race, $698.25): Dance With Ravens Syndicate.

DISCO RICO (Disco Elvis: Dec. 19, 9th race, $1,246.88): Alfred and Joseph DiRico.

FANTASTICAT (Bet the Cat: Dec. 20, 3rd race, $698.25. Pounce Into Spring: Dec. 6, 6th race, $1,147.13. Printasticat: Dec. 22, 4th race, $748.13): Fantasticat Syndicate—$2,593.51.

GATORS N BEARS (Bear Access: Dec. 7, 7th race, $1,895.25): Gators N Bears Syndicate.

GREAT NOTION (Glib: Dec. 21, 5th race, $1,147.13. Mass Destruction: Dec. 19, 8th race, $2,244.38. Sicut Quercus: Nov. 30, 5th race, $897.75): Great Notion Syndicate—$4,289.26.

GREEK SUN (Andros: Dec. 15, 9th race, $897.75): Marathon Farm.

LOUIS QUATORZE (No Means No: Dec. 6, 7th race, $1,895.25. Peter's Creek: Nov. 29, 3rd race, $847.88; Dec. 22, 5th race, $997.50. Quantico Queen: Nov. 30, 2nd race, $648.38. Royal Rumble: Dec. 13, 5th race, $648.38. Wild Louis: Dec. 5, 4th race, $1,147.13): Louis Quatorze Syndicate—$6,184.52.

MEDALLIST (Culpepper Colonel: Dec. 12, 9th race, $648.38. Nastar Medallist: Dec. 15, 2nd race, $648.38): Medallist Syndicate—$1,296.76.

M EIGHTY (Bomb Dust: Dec. 12, 6th race, $1,047.38): Tuscany Farm LLC.

NO ARMISTICE (Armi Base: Dec. 19, 1st race, $698.25): Country Life Farm and B. Wayne Hughes.

NOT FOR LOVE (Eighttofasttocatch: Dec. 1, 8th race, $5,250. Hello Lover: Dec. 1, 8th race, $1,750. Leather Gloves: Dec. 22, 2nd race, $748.13. Love Talk: Dec. 8, 5th race, $748.13): Not For Love Syndicate—$8,496.26.

ORATORY (Spellit: Dec. 8, 7th race, $748.13): Country Life Farm and Darley.

ROCK SLIDE (Rock Slide Classic: Dec. 8, 2nd race, $1,047.38): Shamrock Farm.

TWO PUNCH (Bold Affair: Dec. 22, 8th race, $875): Two Punch Syndicate.

Maryland's top 20 earners in 2012

(through December 11)

1. Richard's Kid	$584,990	11. Barbecue Eddie	$216,965
2. Ben's Cat	557,060	12. Midnite Silver	179,800
3. Action Andy	438,760	13. Slip and Drive	172,100
4. Jazzy Idea	392,270	14. Change of Command	146,640
5. Bold Affair	310,020	15. Eighttofasttocatch	144,240
6. Poseidon's Warrior	303,020	16. Night Officer	133,011
7. Hello Lover	296,020	17. Take Down Two	125,650
8. Madame Giry	266,280	18. Homeboykris	121,900
9. Delaunay	247,055	19. Daydreamin Gracie	116,850
10. Not Abroad	217,190	20. Mystic Love	114,760

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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS), these statistics were compiled on December 11. Lifetime earnings for stallions with at least one starter in 2012. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2012

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	149	1,037	80	150	$4,301,550
Dance With Ravens	130	983	68	128	3,388,330
Lion Hearted	109	758	63	108	2,290,890
Outflanker	63	507	36	65	1,740,260
Two Punch	67	471	38	61	1,639,310
Great Notion	54	334	33	53	1,638,040
Gators N Bears	57	333	27	52	1,391,720
Louis Quatorze	91	576	34	58	1,328,400
Rock Slide	78	512	34	45	1,163,940
Cherokee's Boy	27	176	15	25	704,170
Scipion	32	216	15	24	687,039
Go for Gin	43	305	23	30	525,376
Deputy Storm	20	131	12	19	392,302
Seeking Daylight	23	156	12	19	380,903

2-year-old earnings in 2012

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	20	55	9	13	$581,888
Scipion	9	39	5	7	318,504
Cherokee's Boy	8	40	4	7	273,928
Dance With Ravens	20	59	7	8	245,865
Two Punch	11	50	4	6	210,023
Outflanker	9	39	4	4	158,283
Gators N Bears	10	38	3	3	123,395
Deputy Storm	5	28	3	4	120,990
Great Notion	9	27	4	4	87,316
Louis Quatorze	9	26	2	2	61,200

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	682	14,552	548	2,234	$61,607,800
Allen's Prospect	927	23,238	768	3,362	54,445,000
Two Punch	882	16,815	683	2,528	51,396,900
Polish Numbers	439	9,196	362	1,358	33,008,100
Carnivalay	494	13,307	405	1,818	30,447,000
Louis Quatorze	550	10,329	399	1,331	29,249,300
Waquoit	470	11,165	358	1,493	26,363,300
Citidancer	296	7,031	254	1,217	25,348,400
Outflanker	345	7,367	268	1,074	22,714,400
Eastern Echo	416	8,550	290	1,113	22,527,400
Lion Hearted	378	6,577	293	942	21,379,200
Norquestor	293	8,733	252	1,242	20,945,400
Deputed Testamony	352	10,209	267	1,403	18,499,600
Go for Gin	303	5,504	202	667	17,401,700
Dance With Ravens	191	2,636	121	328	8,090,680
Hail Emperor	201	5,688	133	718	7,389,500

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	308	970	117	157	$5,732,090
Allen's Prospect	458	1,558	175	240	5,629,410
Two Punch	434	1,400	163	204	5,501,760
Polish Numbers	229	700	84	122	3,672,570
Citidancer	153	575	82	124	3,220,990
Louis Quatorze	262	806	79	100	3,154,570
Eastern Echo	220	812	73	100	3,032,700
Outflanker	192	793	82	110	2,842,830
Lion Hearted	180	591	70	97	2,596,610
Carnivalay	249	1,010	88	122	2,480,130
Waquoit	198	681	56	81	1,920,960
Norquestor	136	508	47	64	1,316,410
Dance With Ravens	109	391	30	37	1,081,260
Go for Gin	157	511	32	39	972,214

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2013 Election Results

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey has re-elected its president and four directors to serve on the Board of Trustees. Nona Balaban was re-elected as president and will serve a two-year term. Jerry Artz, Robert Matthies and Todd Wilkinson will serve three-year terms and will be joined by Judith Batcha who will serve a two-year-term.

Balaban begins her second term as president after successfully working with the Board of Trustees and Monmouth Park to provide many opportunities for New Jersey breeders, such as increasing New Jersey-bred races beyond the statutory one race a day minimum; preserving the 40 percent to run in open company; maintaining necessary funding for the stakes program; the New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival; and establishing the New Jersey-bred Hall of Fame at Monmouth Park.

Jerry Artz's involvement in New Jersey horse-racing has been spread between Standardbreds and Thoroughbreds over the past 40 years. An apprenticeship with the late, great Stanley Dancer paved the way for Jerry to own and train Standardbreds during the 1970s and '80s before leaving the industry to pursue other business ventures.

He made his way back to racing with Thoroughbreds, and the first he owned was a New Jersey-bred. Since that time his biggest win in the Garden State came with Unwritten, who captured the 2010 edition of John J. Reilly Handicap before ultimately being named the TBANJ's Sprinter of the Year for 2010. Artz very much enjoys the breeding end of the business and looks forward to seeing more of his homebreds develop into successful runners.

Batcha and her husband, Frank, own 145-acre Batcha Farm in Pennington, where they stand stallions Coastal Warning and Wild Court. Batcha has been re-elected to the board and is eager to continue working toward effecting positive change within the New Jersey breeding and racing industries. Batcha Farms is a full facility offering breeding, mare care, foaling and plans to resurface the woodchip track in 2013.

Matthies has been re-elected to a second term after joining the TBA Board of Trustees in 2010. During his first term, he served as secretary and vice-president and participated on behalf of the association with backstretch activities and served on the By-law Review Committee. Matthies and his wife, Bonnie, breed under the name New Spice Stable. He is also a principal equity partner in the Headless Horsemen breeding and racing operation.

Wilkinson owns and operates a Thoroughbred breeding farm in North Hanover Township. His family has been involved with Thoroughbreds in New Jersey since 1979. Their farm, Hidden Acres 4-D Farm, is solely operated by the Wilkinson family with no outside help, and is home to many broodmares, weanlings and yearlings. Wilkinson is a member of North Hanover Township's Agriculture Advisory Board and a member of Burlington County's Agriculture Development Board.

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Toscano receives Spirit of the Horse award

The Rutgers Equine Science Center has named Linda Toscano as the 2013 recipient of the center's annual Spirit of the Horse Award. Toscano received the award during the Equine Science Update in December at the Cook Campus Center on the G.H. Cook Campus in New Brunswick. Liz Durkin, the 2012 recipient and vice chair of the Rutgers University Board for Equine Advancement, presented the award.

The Spirit of the Horse recognizes individuals whose lives have been profoundly changed because of their involvement with horses and who have acknowledged the impact by giving back to the horse industry.

"Linda Toscano's life was forever changed the moment she first set foot on a racetrack," said Karyn Malinowski, director of the Equine Science Center. "Linda worked under the tutelage of legendary trainers before setting out on her own; and now, she has become a legend in her own right. With her many accomplishments, including becoming the first female trainer to win the Hambletonian, Linda is an inspiration to all. The Equine Science Center is honored to present Ms. Toscano with the Spirit of the Horse award."

A Brooklyn native, Toscano briefly attended SUNY at Stony Brook before finding her calling and beginning her career on the track. She worked with veteran trainer Buddy Regan and Hall of Famers Buddy Gilmour and John Campbell prior to stepping out on her own in 1985. She trained claimers Storm Dust and David J, and enjoyed great success with trotting mare Giant Mermaid. Her triumphs continued, training world champions Lifelong Victory, Chapter Seven and Jet Laag, culminating with her pinnacle achievement of winning the 2012 Hambletonian with Market Share.

"I really care more about the horses than I do about the accolades; which is a value that I share with the Equine Science Center," Toscano said. "With all of the successes throughout 2012, it just happened to be one of those years where the stars aligned and everything fell into place. I have always been amazed that a girl who loved horses could earn a living while playing with the animals she loves!"

Rutgers Equine Science Center offers winter care advice

As days get shorter and the weather becomes cold and wet, there are many things to consider in order to maintain horse health and well-being throughout the long winter months. This fact sheet from associate professor of animal science Sarah L. Ralston, VMD, Ph.D., DACVN and associate extension specialist in equine managemenet Carey A. Williams, Ph.D., addresses the most common concerns regarding equine housing, health maintenance, nutrition and exercise in cold weather.

Housing and Shelter: Look at individual circumstances during winter to figure out what is best. Even in the harshest winter, most horses do not need to be stabled in a barn if there is shelter from the elements in the form of a run-in shed or even a dense stand of trees. However, most horses that are kept outside with little or no shelter will grow a longer coat. This longer, denser hair will help keep them warm and prevent heat loss, but it limits their ability to effectively cool out quickly after exercise. Some solutions may include clipping the long hair and blanketing the horse. When they are turned out in cold, windy and/or wet weather horses need to be monitored carefully for shivering (blanketed or not). A horse's respiratory health during the winter can be a concern if housed indoors with limited ventilation. Keep windows/doors open as much as possible, even in very cold weather. Ceiling fans/vents also facilitate adequate air exchange. Wet bedding and manure should be completely removed at least once a day.

Blanketing and Clipping: It is not necessary to blanket a horse in winter as long as it has a naturally thick hair coat and is adapted to the cold. There are a wide variety of blankets available, ranging from light-weight sheets that are best suited for short-term use after riding, to thick, waterproof rugs designed for long-term use with horses turned out for extended periods of time. It is important to select a blanket that is appropriate for the conditions the horse is facing. If the horse is outside in wet weather, it is important that the blanket be at least water repellent and lined with material that will wick away moisture from the horse's skin. A wet horse that has been blanketed will be colder than an unblanketed horse with a thick hair coat that can naturally dry out.

Blanketed horses should also be monitored daily by either removing the blanket or checking with a bare hand to see if the weight of the blanket is causing the horse to sweat. If a horse sweats under the blanket, especially if its coat is dirty, it can contribute to skin irritation and infections.

It is equally important that blankets fit the horse. Many horses develop rubs or sores on the point of their shoulders, withers, and where the straps secure

the blanket if it is too small or tight. If the horse is blanketed continuously it is imperative that the blanket be completely removed at least once a day. This can be done while the horse is being groomed; check for rub marks, infections and monitor for weight gain or loss.

If horses are exercised regularly to the extent of generating sweat through the winter months, it is recommended to at least use a trace clip, where the hair is shaved to about an eighth inch length from the underside of the neck and abdomen, and the sides of the horse from the elbows to about a quarter of the way up the body. If the horse has a complete body clip, where all hair on the neck, legs and body is shaved, it should not be left out in inclement weather even if blanketed. Other clipping patterns commonly used include a hunter clip where hair is shaved similar to a body clip but hair is left in the saddle area and on the legs. The blanket clip is where hair is shaved from the neck and body similar to a body clip but hair is only left on the legs.

Body clipped horses may have higher energy needs than an unclipped horses due to their increased exercise regime and excess heat loss. Be aware that the hair will not grow back rapidly in the winter, so once horses are clipped, they must have the appropriate shelter and blankets for the rest of the winter and into the early spring months.

Nutrition: Major nutritional concerns during the winter months include providing adequate calories to maintain good body condition and enough water intake to prevent impaction colic. To monitor body condition in unclipped horses in the winter it is essential that they are physically touched in order to get a true assessment. In the winter, horses often need extra energy to keep warm. Horses' energy requirements may increase up to 25 percent during winter months. Usually this can be met by feeding approximately 25 percent more hay if their hay intake is normally less than they would eat voluntarily. The extra hay generates additional warmth to the horse through the heat produced when digesting/fermenting the forage. Boredom can also be a significant factor in winter when horses are not turned out or exercised as much, so keeping them content with free access to hay or forage-based feeds, salt and water will reduce the incidence of stress-related problems and vices.

If horses are consuming overly mature or low quality hay, the vitamin and perhaps mineral content may be inadequate. Supplementing a lower quality hay ration with a multi-vitamin/mineral supplement specifically formulated for the individual horse's stage of life (growing, mature, lactating, etc.) and type of hay (grasses vs. legumes like alfalfa or clover) is a good idea at any time of year. Be careful if considering special winter supplements. Most are standard multi-vitamin/mineral supplements, but cost more because they have a special name. Any multi-vitamin/mineral balanced for the type of hay being fed and the life stage of the horse would be sufficient.

Horses limit their intake of ice-cold water to only what is absolutely necessary to satisfy thirst, which may not be adequate to maintain optimal hydration. It is important that horses are given access to an unlimited amount of water (usually 10 gallons or more) that is free of ice at least once a day in sub-zero weather, especially if water is available only in buckets or tubs. If automatic, heated waterers are used, units should be checked daily to make sure they are functioning properly and have not become frozen or have electrical shorts that cause horses to receive shocks when drinking. A tablespoon or two of plain salt can be added to feed to encourage increased water intake and, if feeding pelleted feeds or hay cubes, they can be soaked in water to further increase water intake. Horses should always have free access to salt blocks.

Exercise: In harsh weather many horses are often stabled for days at a time. As long as they have unlimited access to hay, salt and water most are perfectly happy to remain in stalls. However, if horses develop lower leg edema (stocking up) or are agitated in the stall, efforts should be made to turn them out for exercise as often as possible (even if in an indoor arena) or at least hand walk. Caution needs to be taken when riding in snow that is excessively heavy and damp, as it simulates riding in deep sand and could potentially cause tendon injuries. If the snow is light and less than a foot, doing trot sets or some lighter flat work can help with cardiovascular conditioning and hind-end strength.

If riding a fully clipped horse in the extreme cold, it is recommended to use a quarter sheet during warm up and cool down. However, horses with full coats or a trace clip do not need a quarter sheet when warming up; for cool down, depending on how sweaty the horse becomes, a quarter sheet might be necessary to help wick away the moisture. Even with clipped horses, it is not recommend continuing the entire workout with a blanket or sheet. Cooling down and drying out the hair coat is important. Leaving a hot, wet horse standing in a cold, drafty stall or turning it out in the cold could cause it to get chilled and potentially stressed to the point of getting sick.

Health: One health concern in the winter is protection against infectious diseases even though most horses get their routine vaccinations in the spring. Booster vaccinations for diseases that are transmitted by direct contact, such as influenza, rhinopneumonitis, and strangles are recommended if the horse is in a boarding stable with a lot of horse traffic. If new horses are brought in frequently or the horse is attending shows/competitions throughout the winter season, a more rigorous vaccination schedule may be needed. Mosquito borne diseases such as West Nile Virus should not be a problem in the colder climates but booster vaccines should be considered if shipping the horse to warmer climates for the winter.

Horses should only be de-wormed as needed, based on fecal analysis for the presence/absence of intestinal parasite larvae or eggs. Manure should be picked up on a daily basis in the paddocks and around areas where horses congregate outside to prevent unsanitary organic material accumulation that contributes to the development of parasite infestation, thrush and skin infections on the lower legs of horses. This is especially important when the temperature climbs above freezing and melts snow and ice, creating muddy conditions.

Another health consideration during the winter months could occur after heavy storms. Tree limbs that fall into paddocks/pastures could potentially be toxic and horses could chew on the branches out of curiosity or boredom. Also, in the spring, the first green plants to appear are usually noxious weeds, not the nutritious grasses, so it is important to feed plenty of hay and keep the weed population down by mowing and/or use of herbicides if necessary.

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THOROUGHBRED ASSOCIATION

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President's message

We have new members.

The first is Peter Bradley, founder of Bradley Thoroughbreds in 1995, which is a full-service provider offering expertise in all facets of the Thoroughbred business. Before becoming a top bloodstock agent, Bradley worked as an assistant trainer to Gene Cleveland in Southern California. Bradley later moved to Kentucky to work as manager of Brookdale Farm and then to Lane's End as head of that farm's bloodstock division. He left there to develop his own business. Bradley is a partner with NCTA member Steve Laymon, Jerry Frankel and Ronald Frankel of Grade 1 winner Dayatthespa.

The other new members are Don Breininger and Gigi Cassefe. They are interested in racing, showing and fox hunting. Although they have no horses in training at this time, their broodmare, Betray (by Lil E. Tee), will be sent to Congaree this year.

Welcome to the NCTA.

By the time you get this our Awards Dinner will be over, and I know it was a

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The sharing recipe

By Tatiana Verenicin-Chan
Second Call Thoroughbred Adoption and Placement Program

Ingredients
1 Part Off-Track Thoroughbred Adoption and Placement Program
1 Part Volunteers and Teamwork
1 Part Dedication
1 Part Tenacity and Patience
1 Part Love and Respect for Off-Track Thoroughbreds
1 Part Knowledge
Heaping sprinkles of fun
Large dashes of carrots and mints (and popcorn?)

Prep Time: Every day
Serves: Off-Track Thoroughbreds

The hustle and bustle of the holidays comes to an end. The fun-filled frenzy of shopping, cooking, baking, calling, writing, traveling, is done. What remains is what was shared. Sharing is personal and powerful. Sharing is what ties many of us together. In Blanch, N.C., four individuals share an unconditional passion for off-track Thoroughbreds – Elizabeth MacDonald, owner of Melrose Farm; Stuart Sutton, volunteer; and the sister/brother team of Cymry and Matt Flood, volunteers – were born with horses in their blood and destined to work together. Their paths crossed via different channels, but once together, they stuck and flourished.

Collectively for three years and consistently two days a week, the Floods and Sutton assist MacDonald with the daily chores of grooming, feeding, cleaning stalls and, most importantly, nurturing the horses who arrive at Melrose Farm. Some of the former racehorses come from North Carolina and others from New Jersey. Whatever the original zip code, each Thoroughbred's path to a new life starts with evaluation, healing and re-

Matt Flood (top) puts a Thoroughbred through the paces at Melrose Farm. The team includes (bottom, from left) Stuart Sutton, Elizabeth MacDonald and Cymry Flood.

training. The regimen includes hands-on exposure, assessing the horses "rideability" and working with each horse individually.

Some horses pick up commands no problem. They respond to what is asked. Others take more patience. They see what they can get away with, how far they can push. But there's a job to do and that is to make sure they have new jobs to do. Some days it's a small step. Other days it's a few steps back and then a leap forward.

Sutton focuses on ground work and horsemanship and says, "I hold a strong belief that you must do what you love."

Faith will serve her well as she continues to grow as a rider and nourisher of the Thoroughbred. The Floods concentrate on breaking the horses of bad hab-

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Sharing recipe *continued*

its, easing them into life as a comfortable ride.

"Each horse is a project," she says. "We don't have to ride, we want to ride, we want to make it right for the horse and notice the change."

They all want to see the transformation from project to friend. Respect and developing a channel of communication with the horses is why their efforts succeed. All four share a goal of helping a horse at a time. They each have a family. They share horses in their family. They each have pride, work ethic, and an innocence in believing that anything is possible for a horse that is loved. They share the horse. It is not hard to imagine that for these four, riding came before walking. Whether English, Western, polocrosse, fox hunting, eventing, dressage or bareback, they can make it possible for an off-track Thoroughbred.

MacDonald holds a special place in the hearts of her volunteers.

"Elizabeth is compassionate with a huge heart. She is so laid back even when things can get a bit hectic, she really knows what she is doing and trusts us to do right by the horses," says Cymry Flood.

"We love Elizabeth. She does everything for the horses, she helps us, she helps the horses," explains Sutton. "She is like our aunt, a really good woman."

The feeling is mutual as MacDonald smiles and explains, "They are wonderful riders, special young adults. This would be so hard to do without them. I know they will be here. They are so reliable, disciplined, mature and patient. The horses just love them. With their help I have time to ride my two horses which is so important. I just love what we are doing. The horses and I are lucky to have them here."

MacDonald, Sutton and the Floods share one more thing. They have adopted and are in the process of adopting more off-track Thoroughbreds. After spending an afternoon with the Melrose team you can only walk away with a sense of pride and excitement for the horses. The horses are in the kindest of hands with nothing but a bright future ahead. Make some room in your recipe journal.

Hoofprints

Nakano (First Samurai—Spring Morning, by Mr. Prospector) finished third in the Dec. 8 Sugar Swirl Stakes-G3 at Gulfstream Park and the Dec. 29 Minaret Stakes at Tampa Bay. Never worse than third in eight starts in 2012, she won twice, including the Connie Ann Stakes at Calder in September. Bred by Hubert Vester, she is owned by Thoroughbred Futures Racing and trained by Marty Wolfson.

Jim Chandley and Tammy and Todd Freeman got two wins in December with Dixie Jackpot (Bandini—Dixie Lass, by Misbah). After scoring Dec. 3 at Mountaineer, she came back 20 days later to win at Turfway Park. Jim bred the filly, and she is owned by Jim and Tammy and trained by Todd. Now 4, the filly returned to form last year after a summer layoff. All three connections are members and we congratulate them all.

Raven's Rockette concluded her juvenile season with a third in a Tampa Bay Downs turf allowance Dec. 23. Owned by a partnership that includes NCTA member Frank Coniglio, the winning Raven's Pass filly is trained by Joan Scott.

Picou (With Approval—La Cat, by Mr. Greeley) wrapped up his 7-year-old season Dec. 8 with a close third in a turf claimer at Gulfstream Park for owners Steve Laymon and John Eaton and trainer David Fawkes. He has been a grand old horse for this partnership with stakes and allowance wins to his name.

Bred by Nancy Shuford in Kentucky, Pride of Silver (Badge of Silver—Ruggles, by Strawberry Road-Aus) finished third on Dec. 13 at Hollywood Park for ITA Thoroughbreds, Schroeder Farms and Michael Sigband.

Asia Gray, bred in North Carolina by Shuford, was second for a tag at Parx Racing on Dec. 23. The daughter of Chelsey Cat and Little Betty Blue (by Lost Code) was claimed from Shuford out of a maiden win two starts earlier and is now owned by B-C Stables and is trained by Guadalupe Preciado.

Special Exchange was second in back-to-back starts at Charles Town – Dec. 5 and Dec. 13 – for NCTA members Frank Coniglio and Sidney Ritman. Member Beth Muirhead bred the son of Exchange Rate and Frisky Cheerleader (by Roar), who has made 24 starts from 2 to 4.

President's message *continued*

success. We thank Steve Cauthen for taking his time and joining us for our largest ever evening of fun and awards. The awards dinner will be covered in the next newsletter.

Correction from last newsletter: Bill Thompson's mare was bred to Colonel John, not to Pulpit.

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—PHBA'S FOCUS ON—

ICE BALLERINA: PROVING THE VERSATILITY OF THE PA-BRED

By Brooke Ketron

It is difficult to ignore the promise of a young foal and it is this potential that keeps alive a breeder's hope of producing a champion. While some foals grow up to find success on the racetrack, others discover their talents lay somewhere other than at the starting gate.

For Ice Ballerina, a 2004 Pennsylvania-bred mare by Mr. Explosive, life began much the same way as other Thoroughbreds. From quiet beginnings, her breeder Judy Barrett always thought highly of her. "She was a nice filly, had excellent conformation and a nice way of going," Barrett said. Ice Ballerina sold as a yearling in pursuit of a racing career.

Unfortunately, she was unable to live up to the expectations. After three unsuccessful seasons at the track, her connections began looking for a new home. She was briefly listed on CANTER Pennsylvania's website, where she garnered some attention.

The path twisted to Ohio's Thistledown racetrack in 2010, where Lindsey Brizendine saw Ice Ballerina for the first time. The student from Shaker Heights, Ohio, was scouring the track for a new jumper prospect as her current mount neared retirement.

Ice Ballerina now dances over fences in the show ring.

"I looked at 15 horses that day," said Brizendine, who began riding at 13. "Ice Ballerina was set to race and was being walked around the barn, when the woman walking her saw we were looking at horses, she yelled out, 'This one's for sale too!' "

Brizendine admits to overlooking the mare initially, but did take photos and video to compare Ice Ballerina with the other horses she saw. After narrowing down her options, Brizendine returned several weeks later to find that several of the horses she had seen were already sold.

"When we got to Ice's barn I was really there to look at a gelding the trainer had, but found out he too, had been sold already," she said. "I watched her jog and I really started watching her. She was tight behind and I like that in a jumper. Then after seeing a few others, I just kept thinking of her."

In a twist that Brizendine could not have predicted, she made an offer on Ice Ballerina. The trainer agreed under

Retired racehorse Ice Ballerina has found a home in Ohio as a show horse with college student Lindsey Brizendine.

the conditions that Ice Ballerina compete in her race that afternoon. She finished seventh at 63-1, completing her racing career with a record of 32 losses – in 32 tries. She finished second twice and earned $12,237.

Once the morning came, Ice Ballerina walked soundly onto the trailer to begin her new career as a jumper.

People often believe a newly retired Thoroughbred will be difficult to handle and have high energy levels that require a period of down time. Ice Ballerina and Brizendine went right to work – including a ride on the first day together.

"I was fully prepared to give Ice time to come down from the track," said Brizendine, "but she was so quiet that I rode her the first day, and I've been riding her ever since."

Retraining Ice Ballerina for the show ring is a day-by-day process that Brizendine emulates off her experiences with her first horse.

"Nothing I've done with her has been because she's a Thoroughbred," Brizendine said. "My friends and I have jumping or flat rides and then we sit down for lunch and discuss what worked, what didn't. Then we brainstorm our next move."

All signs indicate that the pair is coming along better than expected. Last year, Ice Ballerina took the anchor position, after Brizendine's other mount was injured, at Lake Erie College's Prix de Villes Jumper Show, where four riders are counted as a team. The two went double clear for their team and even qualified for the individual jump-off.

"This (past) year was particularly special to our team as the team leader had passed away at 94 years old. We really wanted it to be special in honor of him," Brizendine said. "Ice jumped around like such a veteran, I could not have been more proud of her."

In addition, Brizendine and Ice Ballerina successfully competed in their first "AA" rated jumper show in July, where they took home championship honors in the 3-foot division. They were also champions in their first outing at an "A" rated show in the 3'6" division. Ice Ballerina also took home the Reserve Champion award for the Low Adult Jumpers (3-foot) in the Ohio Professional Horsemen's Association for 2012.

In fact, Brizendine and Ice Ballerina have bonded so well that Brizendine said their only major challenge is that they're ". . . both very opinionated women!"

Brizendine aims toward a full campaign with Ice Ballerina in the 3'6" Adult Jumper divisions this year. Dependent upon their success, she plans to move forward to higher, more competitive classes.

"She has the scope and talent, we've jumped her easily over 4'3"," said Brizendine.

While Ice Ballerina's life began in similar fashion to champion racehorses, she shows that it's not always meant to be. Now, it's difficult to believe Brizendine nearly passed over Ice Ballerina. It proves that sometimes the most unlikely Thoroughbred can not only meet your standards, but exceed them.

"I don't take all the credit for her because she is smart, and willing, and very capable," Brizendine said. "I'm just the lucky girl who went to the track and took a chance on the longest long shot."

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The goal of the organization is to advocate on behalf of the state's breeding industry. We are mandated by statute as administrator of the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund program, and as official registrar of the Pennsylvania-Bred roster of eligible program participants.

Working with industry leaders over the years, PHBA has achieved several goals that have brought reform and benefits to breeders, owners, race tracks and the public. The PHBA is vital to everyone involved in breeding throughout Pennsylvania. Your support and participation can help Pennsylvania's breeding industry continue to grow and prosper.

2012 PENNSYLVANIA-BRED STAKES SCHEDULE

Sat., Apr. 14, Parx	**$75,000 Lyman H**, 3 & up, 7 fur. 1st - Golddigger's Boy; 2nd - Sloane Ranger; 3rd - Rod's Five Star
	$75,000 Foxy J. G. S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur. 1st - Darn That Raven; 2nd - Officer Big Red; 3rd - Whisperdownthelane
Fri., June 1, Pen	**$75,000 Danzig S**, 3YO, 6 fur. 1st - Jake N Elwood; 2nd - Pollard's Boy; 3rd - Phil Dancer
	$75,000 Wonders Delight S, 3YO Fillies, 6 fur. 1st - Miss d'Oro; 2nd - Dorothy's Aurora; 3rd - Ravenesque
Fri., June 15, Pen	**$75,000 Lyphard S**, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1/16 mi., turf 1st - Lenape Rim; 2nd - Little Often Anni; 3rd - Sky Willow
Fri., July 6, PID	**$75,000 Leematt S**, 3 & up, 1 mi. 1st - Motion to Appeal; 2nd - Ryan's Gift; 3rd - Gondwanan
	$75,000 Northern Fling S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi. 1st - Sky Willow; 2nd - Weeper; 3rd - Lenape Rim
Sat., July 28, Parx	**$75,000 Crowd Pleaser S**, 3YO, 1 1/16 mi. (off turf) 1st - Traffic Light; 2nd - Yourhonorandglory; 3rd - Pollard's Boy
	$75,000 Power by Far S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur. 1st - Great Lookinblonde; 2nd - Officer Big Red; 3rd - Pink Candy
Fri., Aug. 3, Pen	**$75,000 Robellino S**, 3 & up, 1 1/16 mi., turf 1st - Roadhog; 2nd - Philly Ace; 3rd - Gondwanan
	$75,000 Russian Rhythm S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf 1st - You Need Me; 2nd - Madrilena; 3rd - Amnesian
Fri., Aug. 10, PID	**$75,000 Malvern Rose S**, 3YO Fillies, 1 1/16 mi. 1st - Lotta Lovin; 2nd - Appealing Cat; 3rd - Vanishing
Fri., Sept. 7, PID	**$75,000 Mark McDermott S**, 2YO, 6 fur. 1st - Pitch N Roll; 2nd - Uptown Boy; 3rd - Jump for Kitten
PENNSYLVANIA'S DAY AT THE RACES • Saturday, Sept. 8 • Parx	
	$75,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S, 3 & up, 6 fur. 1st - Sloane Ranger; 2nd - Rod's Five Star; 3rd - Phil Dancer
	$75,000 Roanoke S, 3 & up, 1 1/16 mi. 1st - Tujoes; 2nd - Layers; 3rd - Pollard's Boy
	$75,000 Marshall Jenney H, 3 & up, 5 fur. (off turf) 1st - Closing Vision; 2nd - Ricky's Lite; 3rd - Philly Bound
	$75,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S, 3YO Fillies, 6 fur. 1st - Spring Dance; 2nd - Villette; 3rd - Rockinonthewater
	$100,000 Mrs. Penny S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1/16 mi. (off turf) 1st - Sweet as You Are; 2nd - Lenape Rim; 3rd - Coco's Sweeetie
Sat., Sept. 22, Parx	**$75,000 Alphabet Soup H**, 3 & up, 1 1/16 mi., turf 1st - Philly Ace; 2nd - Roadhog; 3rd - Sir Cadian
Fri., Oct. 5, Pen	**$75,000 Ligature S**, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur. 1st - Jonathan's Girl; 2nd - Puddy de Luca; 3rd - Interrogate
Sat., Oct. 6, Parx	**$75,000 PA Horse Breeders Distaff S**, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1/16 mi. *race cancelled*
Wed., Nov. 21, Pen	**$75,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile S**, 2YO Fillies, 6 fur. 1st - Foxy Sara; 2nd - Kelwynne; 3rd - Humble Street
Sat., Dec. 8, Parx	**$75,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S**, 2YO, 7 fur. 1st - Officer Alex; 2nd - Res Judicata; 3rd - Siete de Oros

All stakes included a 25% PA-Sired Bonus for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

—PENNSYLVANIA-BRED FUND STATISTICS – TOP EARNERS—

(January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, rounded to dollars)

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total
George Strawbridge Jr.	$270,323	$ 51,192	$ 5,560	$327,075	Ellendale Racing LLC	$77,051	0	0	$77,051
Michael W. Jester	188,258	107,818	0	296,076	Charlton Bloodstock Agency Inc.	72,575	0	0	72,575
William J. Solomon VMD	46,284	188,252	0	234,536	William J. Shively	70,955	0	0	70,955
Xanthus Farms Inc.	219,582	5,924	0	225,506	Chain Bridge Stable LLC	70,056	0	0	70,056
Pewter Stable	119,734	51,456	0	171,190	Peter Giangiulio	33,914	35,126	0	69,040
Sylmar Farm Inc.	142,361	0	0	142,361	Ghost Ridge Farms Ltd.	64,545	3,718	0	68,263
Thomas G. McClay	97,062	0	11,000	108,062	Dun Roamin Farm Inc.	66,870	0	0	66,870
Glenn E. Brok LLC	102,100	0	0	102,100	Ascoli Piceno Stables LLC	66,030	0	0	66,030
Charles A. Cuprill	73,919	22,569	0	96,488	Brushwood Stable	62,900	0	0	62,900
Estate of Jane G. Baker	94,495	0	0	94,495	Welcome Here Farm LLC	61,675	0	0	61,675
Denise K. McHenry	94,092	0	0	94,092	James M. Courtney	54,770	0	5,560	60,330
Judith M. Barrett	75,643	11,699	0	87,343	E & D Enterprises	57,750	0	0	57,750
Smart Angle LLP	86,767	0	0	86,767	Richard N. Miller	32,810	23,965	0	56,776
The Elkstone Group LLC	86,522	0	0	86,522	J & B Stables	55,868	0	0	55,868
Thoroughbred Associates LLP	77,195	0	0	77,195	Maple Leaf Farm	54,560	0	0	54,560

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	Stallion Owner	No. of races	Award total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner	No. of races	Award total
Real Quiet	Michael W. Jester	249	$99,624	Buckle Down Ben	Barbara A. Rickline	84	$19,206
Lite the Fuse	William J. Solomon VMD	218	79,796	Albert The Great	William J. Solomon VMD	61	19,186
Congressionalhonor	Pewter Stable	190	51,456	More Smoke	William J. Solomon VMD	50	18,535
Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	108	51,192	Partner's Hero	Peter Giangiulio	96	18,405
Ecclesiastic	Walmac Stud Management LCC	99	42,633	Snow Ridge	Joe Davis	63	18,213
Changeintheweather	Pin Oak Stud LLC	128	38,677	Banker's Gold	Thomas N. Reigle	60	17,804
Southern Success	Barbara A. Rickline	51	32,256	Storm Center	Richard N. Miller	52	17,650
Power by Far	Barbara J. Geraghty	90	27,643	Harry The Hat	Peter Giangiulio	82	16,721
Cetewayo	John A. Chandler	120	27,141	Senor Swinger	A Syndicate Hartley/De Renzo Stud LLC	76	16,016
Delaware Township	Benjamin W. Perkins Sr.	77	24,132	Aisle	Flint W. Stites	72	15,436
Siphon (Brz)	William J. Solomon VMD	92	23,113	Tekken (Ire)	Shirley A. Lojeski	78	13,301
Patton	Castle Rock Farm	69	23,002	Rubiyat	Fox Tale	39	13,268

LEADING HORSES

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder, Stallion and Owner Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	PA-Bred Restricted Purse	PA-Bred Stakes Purse	Total Breeder Award	Total Stallion Award	Total Owner Award	Total Owner Bonus	Total Fund Amount
Nibiru's Return *	Power by Far - Jane's Speed	Estate of Jane G. Baker	14	0	0	$57,539	$19,180	0	$44,536	$121,254
Catalactic	Freefourinternet - Cat Dancin	Denise G. Lingenfelter	6	$50,400	0	34,440	0	0	34,800	119,640
Traffic Light	Peace Rules - Lears And Limos	William J. Shively	8	0	$45,000	47,568	0	0	27,040	119,608
Great Lookinblonde	Albert the Great - Crouching Thunder	Dun Roamin Farm Inc.	8	0	45,000	35,751	0	0	38,216	118,967
Lenape Rim *	Rimrod - Mai Debeau	Margaret H. Brigham	7	0	80,000	27,469	9,156	0	0	116,625
Arlo	Defrere - Crafty Compliment	Larry L. Suloman	10	24,000	0	44,968	0	4,400	39,440	112,808
Sweet as You Are	Mecke - Nash's Prospect	Northcote Enterprises Inc.	12	0	60,000	28,526	0	0	23,608	112,134
Golden Success *	Southern Success - Rose Gold	Xanthus Farms Inc.	10	0	0	50,376	16,792	0	39,920	107,088
Jake N Elwood	During - Kid Silver	Xanthus Farms Inc.	6	0	45,000	29,664	0	0	29,520	104,184
Officer Big Red	Officer - Shocktics	Michael Desaye	13	0	30,000	34,397	0	0	39,024	103,421
Sloane Ranger	Parker's Storm Cat - Toppenish	Vicky Schowe	4	0	60,000	32,246	0	9,000	0	101,246
Fivefourthreetwone	Outflanker - Bella Rouge	Scott A. Lake	14	64,000	2,250	21,955	0	0	10,936	99,141
Jonathan's Girl	Closing Argument - Totally Grand	Terrapin Stables Inc.	4	0	45,000	25,464	0	0	23,520	93,984
Tujoes	Oratory - Mrs. Vanderbilt	Barbara Smith Brown	5	0	45,000	23,904	0	0	21,292	90,196
Philly Ace	Smart Strike - Bloomy	Brushwood Stable	2	0	75,000	15,000	0	0	0	90,000
Closing Vision	Pollard's Vision - Pleasant Pastures	Welcome Here Farm LLC	9	0	45,000	23,351	0	0	19,276	87,627
Spring Dance	Dance With Ravens - Snunner	James M. Courtney	3	0	45,000	21,792	0	0	15,360	82,152
Ruttzy Tuttzy	Lion Hearted - B. J. Ruckus	Lori D. Swatsworth	9	40,800	0	25,276	0	0	15,280	81,356
You Need Me	Indian Charlie - Sunup	Michael W. Jester	4	0	45,000	21,468	0	0	12,540	79,008
Surprise Storm *	Storm Center - Surpriseloveaffair	Paul E. Labe Sr.	12	0	0	37,944	12,648	0	28,080	78,672
Roadhog	Bowman's Band - Little Wing	Ellendale Racing LLC	2	0	65,000	13,000	0	0	0	78,000
Layers	Menifee - Unreal Cupcake	M. Roy Jackson	11	0	15,000	28,934	0	0	34,032	77,966
Darn That Raven	Dance With Ravens - Darn Wild	Joseph W. Holman Jr.	4	0	45,000	18,374	0	0	13,392	76,766
Pitch N Roll	Scipion - Provobay	The Elkstone Group LLC	5	0	45,000	20,716	0	0	10,780	76,496
Previous Honor *	Congressionalhonor - Previous Selection	Pewter Stable	7	0	0	33,396	11,132	0	29,520	74,048

*Denotes PA-sired

http://www.pabred.com/statistics/statistics.php

South Carolina

Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2013

Indian Charlie highlights Elloree meeting

Ed Musselman, known to most as "Indian Charlie," showed a little of his serious side as he combined the wit and satire that he is known for with comments about what is right and wrong with our business. He did this at the annual December meeting of SCTOBA at the Elloree Training Center Dec. 8.

Musselman charmed the group with stories about his days as a hotwalker and groom for legendary trainer Frank Whiteley and gave a few handicapping tips on betting first-time starters that Franklin Smith says can run (they win but only pay $3 to win).

Also discussed were topics ranging from standardizing medication rules to the need for an overall reduction in the number of races run nationwide. And if you are a frequent reader of his newsletter you know that no opportunity is missed for a "Free John Veitch" discussion.

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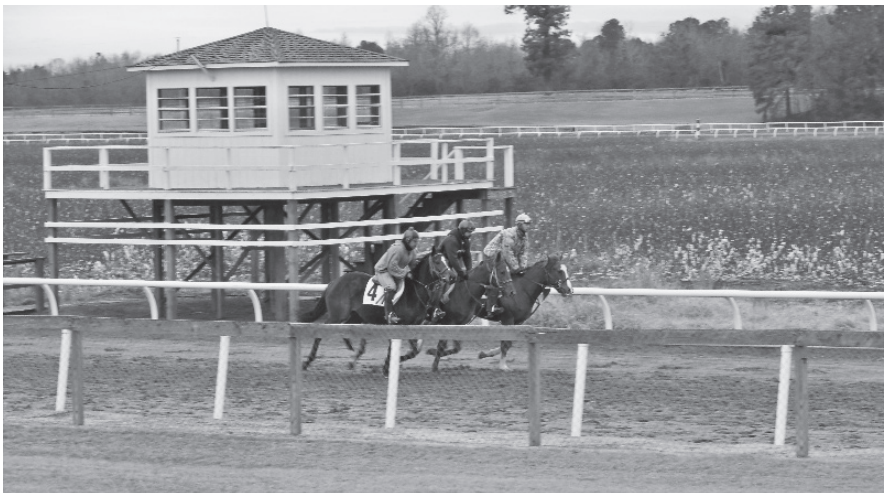

WYLIE PERKINS

ELLOREE TRIO. That's not snow, but a freshly picked South Carolina cotton crop in the infield of the Elloree Training Center as yearlings progress through their training. Having spent at least 90 days in South Carolina, these yearlings, and hundreds of others, are eligible to be nominated to the South Carolina Residency Races at Parx Racing in Pennsylvania.

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RESIDENCY CHAMP. Someday Farm's Res Judicata sported a Fenwick Equestrian Products cooler after taking the Christopher Elser Memorial Stakes at Parx Racing in November. The winner brought back memories of his sire, Smarty Jones, who also raced for owner/breeder Pat Chapman's Someday Farm and trainer John Servis.

South Carolina-trained winners

Horse	*Training Center*	*Date*	*Track*	*Type of Race*
Moment of Clarity	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/21/12	Mountaineer Park	Maiden special weight
Point	McCutchen Training Center	12/21/12	Sunland Park	Allowance
Prado Cat	Elloree Training Center	12/21/12	Gulfstream Park	Maiden special weight
Grammy Pat	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/20/12	Laurel Park	Allowance
Jay Eye See	Wes Carter Training Center	12/19/12	Gulfstream Park	Maiden special weight
Patrick S	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/16/12	Parx Racing	Maiden special weight
Freud's Vale	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/15/12	Woodbine	Maiden claiming
Hi Ho Bambino	Elloree Training Center	12/15/12	Laurel Park	Claiming
Holiday Star	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/15/12	Tampa Bay Downs	Maiden special weight
Long River	Aiken Training Track	12/15/12	Aqueduct	Maiden special weight
Magical Season	Elloree Training Center	12/15/12	Fair Grounds	Allowance
MYSTIC LOVE	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/15/12	Gulfstream Park	Dania Beach S
Maude S	Aiken Training Track	12/14/12	Hawthorne	Allowance
Big Notion	Aiken Training Track	12/13/12	Gulfstream Park	Claiming
Overheard	Holly Hill Training Center	12/13/12	Fair Grounds	Allowance
Boreal Forest	Nancy Terhune Training Center	12/12/12	Laurel Park	Claiming
Culpepper Colonel	Elloree Training Center	12/12/12	Laurel Park	Claiming
Here Music	Aiken Training Track	12/9/12	Hawthorne	Maiden special weight
Sniper	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/9/12	Woodbine	Allowance
Brimstone Island	Aiken Training Track	12/8/12	Laurel Park	Starter allowance
Ingenue	Aiken Training Track	12/8/12	Turfway Park	Allowance
Bear Access	Easy Breeze Training Center	12/7/12	Laurel Park	Maiden special weight
Dr Figawi	Easy Breeze Training Center	12/6/12	Aqueduct	Maiden special weight
Prisoner of Hope	Nancy Terhune Training Center	12/6/12	CharlesTown	Claiming
Ghostwriter	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/5/12	Penn National	Allowance
More Than a Cruise	Easy Breeze Training Center	12/5/12	Laurel Park	Allowance
Villanesca	Aiken Training Track	12/5/12	Aqueduct	Allowance
Deacon Furr	Elloree Training Center	12/4/12	Parx Racing	Allowance
Stick With Skip	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/4/12	Parx Racing	Maiden claiming
Suspicious U	Wes Carter Training Center	12/4/12	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Dixie Jackpot	Custom Care Equine	12/3/12	Mountaineer Park	Allowance
My Sonata	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/3/12	Parx Racing	Maiden special weight
AVIE'S QUALITY	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/1/12	Woodbine	Display S
BROTHER BIRD	Aiken Training Track	12/1/12	Gulfstream Park	Claiming Crown Iron Horse S
Rusty Slipper	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/1/12	Tampa Bay Downs	Maiden special weight
Shanghai Daddy	Nancy Terhune Training Center	12/1/12	Charles Town	Maiden special weight
WHISKEY ROMEO	Custom Care Equine	12/1/12	Laurel Park	Marylander S
Wish Wish Wish	Holly Hill Training Center	12/1/12	Remington Park	Maiden special weight
Princess of Harlem	McCutchen Training Center	11/29/12	Penn National	Allowance
Silver Morgan	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/26/12	Parx Racing	Maiden special weight
Appealing Cat	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/25/12	Churchill Downs	Allowance
BETTER LUCKY	Aiken Training Track	11/25/12	Hollywood Park	Matriarch S-G1
Furman Bisher	Aiken Training Track	11/25/12	Parx Racing	Starter allowance
Charmingmegan	Aiken Training Track	11/24/12	Laurel Park	Starter allowance
Gulfport	Aiken Training Track	11/24/12	Churchill Downs	Allowance
Ling Ling Qi	Aiken Training Track	11/24/12	Laurel Park	Claiming
Pulpitarian	Holly Hill Training Center	11/24/12	LaurelPark	Allowance
SEANEEN GIRL	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/24/12	Churchill Downs	Golden Rod S-G2
Privately Promised	McCutchen Training Center	11/23/12	Penn National	Claiming
SHACKLEFORD	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/23/12	Churchill Downs	Clark H-G1
UNLATCH	Holly Hill Training Center	11/23/12	Fair Grounds	Woodchopper S
Villandry	Aiken Training Track	11/23/12	Churchill Downs	Allowance
AFLEETING LADY	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/22/12	Churchill Downs	Falls City H-G2
Frisky Cat	Aiken Training Track	11/22/12	Aqueduct	Maiden special weight
Villette	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/19/12	Parx Racing	Allowance
LEA	Holly Hill Training Center	11/17/12	Churchill Downs	Commonwealth Turf S-G3
Songs and Sonnets	Holly Hill Training Center	11/14/12	Remington Park	Allowance
WHISKEY ROMEO	Custom Care Equine	11/10/12	Laurel Park	James F. Lewis III S
Upkeep	Custom Care Equine	10/20/12	Woodbine	Maiden special weight
WEEKEND HIDEAWAY	Custom Care Equine	10/20/12	Belmont Park	Bertram F. Bongard S

West Virginia
THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter **February 2013**

Special Moments of 2012

by Jeff Gilleas

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol that enumerates a series of increasingly grand gifts given on each of the 12 days of Christmas.

My take on this classic is a little off the beaten path as I try and subjectively highlight Mountaineer Pride in the equine world using the 12 months of 2012.

January 17, 2012: The track at Charles Town Races was wet fast with an expanded cloud cover, but it could not conceal one of the true female champions in recent memory, Silver Heart.

Making her 7-year-old debut, the gray/roan daughter of Lion Hearted and the Holy Bull mare Holy Princess was floated wide turning for home in the 7-furlong allowance feature as regular rider Travis Dunkelberger drove her to the wire. She closed determinedly to prevail by a head. It was the first of four wins during the year for the conservatively managed nearly-white mare, who sports an enviable record of 15 firsts, nine seconds and four thirds from 38 starts and earnings of $591,574. Trainer Gary Capuano is the mastermind behind the consistent mare owned by Nancy Terhune and bred by Terhune and Ernest Frohboese.

February 28, 2012: The eighth race established why sometimes, even in defeat, a ray of sunshine exposes a willing performance worthy of mention. This night the player deserving of praise was Son of a Bear.

The bay gelding, at the time sent out from the barn of Debra Ketterman, was making his second start at 5, after winning in allowance company in January. Resilience has always been the tag affixed to this son of Bowman's Band—Bear in the House, by Housebuster, bred by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Baer. Regardless of track condition, distance or competition, this battle-tested veteran is up to the challenge.

Finishing in the runner-up spot in the wide-open handicap carved another notch in the handle for owner Baer's Racing Stable. Son of a Bear earned $108,635 in 2012, to boost his career mark to $383,661 from 31 starts. He won eight of his starts, finished second 10 times and third in four others – he was fourth or better in nine of his 10 starts last year.

March 13, 2012: An old friend returned to the winner's circle after sliding down the ladder, and with a boost of confidence from the drop in class decided to reinvent himself at age 7.

Henry the Lover was the choice for March because he always has possessed the ability to turn in stimulating performances. Though this effort was for a mere $5,000 tag (he was haltered from this race), the son of Windsor Castle—Flirtation Walk, by Danzig Connection, bred by James W. Casey moved forward for his new connections (Long Shot Racing Stable LLC), was second in the It's Only Money Stakes two months later, and concluded his year with a popular win in the West Virginia Dash for Cash Breeders Classic Stakes in October.

April 14, 2012: April marked the return of the reigning West Virginia-bred Horse of the Year, Russell Road.

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The imposing physical specimen, with the documentation to match, professionally opened a can of whoop buttocks (you get my gist) on his seven rivals in the Confucius Say Stakes. Owned by Mark Russell, the son of Wheaton swooped to victory by 4½ lengths under Luis Perez. James Casey tightens the girth on the winner of 23 of 38 career starts, who heads into his 7-year-old season having amassed $1,374,114.

May 5, 2012: It was an authoritative debut for the 3-year-old filly Severn Shore, who validated her 6-5 odds and easily made the hair on the back of my neck stand up. The *Equibase* chart call of the maiden special weight says it all, as the daughter of Pure Prize—Heater, by Dixieland Heat, ". . . was carried seven wide around the first turn, advanced outside down the backstretch, blew by the field while still a good five wide around the far turn, continued on her left lead, drifted in under right-handed urging in upper stretch but remained straight." The winning margin was 2¾ lengths and portended good things to come – she won five of seven starts for owner/trainer/breeder Jeff Runco and his Coleswood Farm.

June 30, 2012: Throughout her extraordinary career Down Town Allen has always been a speed merchant with a close-to-the-ground carriage bent on delivering the goods. The powerfully built daughter of Windsor Castle illustrated that prowess in the Fancy Buckles Stakes, pressing the pace in the :21.74 opening quarter and getting the half in :44.74 on her way to a jaw-dropping :50.87 for 4½ furlongs. The John Casey homebred has won half her 30 lifetime races and grossed $678, 767.

July 22, 2012: The second race was a maiden special weight affair for West Virginia-bred 2-year-olds – one individual drew rave reviews after his uncommon win. Hidden Canyon, a bay colt by Fiber Sonde out of Ghost Canyon, by Indian Charlie, made his debut for owner Phyllis Susini and never looked back in the 4½-furlong contest. The margin of victory was officially 9½ lengths and the time a stellar :50.89. Popular trainer Javier Contreras accepted congratulations for his youngster's success and his meticulous preparation. The April foal was bred by John D. McKee.

August 25, 2012: The dictionary describes consistency as "the ability to maintain a particular standard or repeat a particular task with minimal variation." There should probably be a picture of Rita Haywood in the border. The lanky daughter of Prized rose to the occasion 12 times from 13 starts during her 3-year-old season. On this night, she handily defeated several formidable adversaries in the Sylvia Bishop Memorial Stakes. Owned by David Butts and bred by Deborah Butts, the stable star is trained by Debra Ketterman.

September 22, 2012: Juvenile fillies can be precocious and often appear advanced in their education over their male counterparts. Jax and Jill certainly added to this theory as she effortlessly subjugated nine rivals in the Rachel's Turn Stakes for owner/breeder Robert Cole. The full-bodied daughter of Yes It's True—Rain Song, by Intensity, ran out of the picture as she stopped the teletimer in a dazzling 51.08 seconds. Trained by Scott Lake, the bay filly finished the year with an impressive statistic earning $22,637 per start.

October 20, 2012: The biggest night of racing for any self-respecting West Virginian occurs in October at the West Virginia Breeders Classics. One of the most notable accomplishments on last year's card was that of 3-year-old Lucy's Bob Boy. Michael Furr's chestnut gelding by Flatter and the Not For Love mare Love for Lucy had amassed an impressive record against his own age group, winning five straight, then failed to respect his elders in the Classic, winning by a widening 8 lengths. Known by his closest friends as "LBB," the modest-sized gelding was bred by Robert Furr Sr. and trained by Sandra Dono.

November 10, 2012: When I get the opportunity to enjoy some leisure time on the golf course this is one phrase my comrades continually seem to yell in my direction, "In the Fairway," please! Jeff and Susan Runco's hard work has paid handsome dividends at the barn throughout the year, but especially with a group of dynamic young runners.

On paper, the Tri-State Futurity appeared to be In the Fairway's for the taking, and the son of Posse out of Royal Sweep justified odds of 1-5 to score a trouble-free win. The $41,691 winner's share of the purse upped his earnings, from five starts, to $126,811 for the husband and wife team.

December 11, 2012: To be referenced twice in a piece on distinctive accomplishments for the year, one horse must truly have made an incomparable impression. Lucy's Bob Boy did just that with a track record-shattering performance, erasing a 6½-furlong mark that had stood since Jan. 6, 1976. With his 17-length win, LBB categorically cast out all doubters and confidently moved closer to proclaiming himself Horse of the Year at Charles Town.

Notes to members

◆ **The 10-10-10 program** is now called the **Supplemental Purse Award Claim**, for which there are new forms. All claims must be submitted to the WV Racing Commission within 15 days from the date the purse is awarded. Claim forms are available on the WV Racing Commission website, wvtba.net.

◆ If you are selling or planning to sell your accredited WV-bred and/or sired horse, please contact the WVTBA. The WVTBA has started supplying sellers of **accredited WV-bred and/or sired horses** with **hip stickers and stall-card stickers** to make it easier for buyers to identify these horses. Contact the WVTBA office at (304) 728-6868 or by e-mail at wvbreeders@gmail.com.

◆ **WV Certificates** will be issued seven to 10 days after the WVTBA receives the original registration form application, all required paperwork and payment.

The WVTBA office is located at 207 South Fairfax Blvd. in Ranson. It is between 5th Avenue and the Ranson Circle. Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Calendar

MID-ATLANTIC TRACKS

Atlantic City
4501 Black Horse Pike, Mays Landing, N.J. 08330. (609) 641-2190; fax (609) 645-8309. Racing dates: April 25 to May 1.

Charles Town
P.O. Box 551, Charles Town, W.Va. 25414. (304) 725-7001; (800) 795-7001. Racing dates: Jan. 2 to Dec. 28; www.ctownraces.com.

Colonial Downs
10515 Colonial Downs Parkway, New Kent, Va. 23124. (804) 966-7223; fax (804) 966-1565. Racing Secretary: Tyler Picklesimer. Racing dates: June 8 to July 13; www.colonialdowns.com.

Laurel Park
P.O. Box 130, Laurel, Md. 20725. (301) 725-0400, (410) 792-7775; (800) 638-1859.
Racing Secretary: Georganne Hale. Racing dates: Jan. 1 to March 30; www.marylandracing.com.

Monmouth Park
175 Oceanport Avenue, Oceanport, N.J. 07757. (732) 222-5100; fax (732) 571-8658. Racing Secretary: Michael Dempsey. Racing dates: May 11 to Oct. 6; www.monmouthpark.com.

Parx Racing
P.O. Box 1000, Bensalem, Pa. 19020-2096. (215) 639-9000; (800) 523-6886. Racing Secretary: Sal Sinatra. Racing dates: Jan. 1 to Dec. 31; www.parxracing.com.

Penn National
P.O. Box 32, Grantville, Pa. 17028. (717) 469-2211; (800) 233-8238. Racing Secretary: David Bailey. Racing dates: Jan. 3 to Dec. 28; www.pennnational.com.

Pimlico Race Course
5201 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21215. (410) 542-9400; (800) 638-1859. Racing Secretary: Georganne Hale. Racing dates: April 4 to June 8; www.marylandracing.com.

Presque Isle Downs
8199 Perry Highway, Erie, Pa. 16509. (866) 374-3386; pidracing@pidowns.com. Racing dates: May 12 to Sept. 26; www.pidowns.com.

OTHER TRACKS

Aqueduct—Jan. 1 to April 21
Arlington Park—May 3 to Sept. 29
Belmont Park—April 26 to July 14
Calder Race Course—April 6 to Nov. 30
Churchill Downs—April 27 to June 30
Delta Downs—Oct. 19 to March 23
Fair Grounds—Nov. 22 to March 31
Golden Gate—Dec. 26 to June 16
Gulfstream Park—Dec. 1 to April 5
Hawthorne—Feb. 15 to April 28
Hollywood Park—April 24 to July 14
Indiana Downs—April 26 to July 17
Keeneland—April 5 to April 26
Lone Star Park—April 11 to July 6
Mountaineer—March 1 to Dec. 20
Oaklawn Park—Jan. 11 to April 13
Sam Houston—Jan. 18 to March 17
Santa Anita—Dec. 26 to April 21
Sunland Park—Dec. 7 to April 16
Tampa Bay Downs—Dec. 1 to May 5
Turfway Park—Jan. 1 to March 30

MID-ATLANTIC AUCTIONS

Two-Year Olds in Training, Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Timonium Sales Pavilion, Timonium, Md. (410) 392-5555 or 252-5860. May 20, 21.

OUT-OF-STATE AUCTIONS

Kentucky Winter Mixed, Fasig-Tipton Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. (859) 255-1555. Feb. 11.
Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. March 12, 13.
The Florida Sale, Selected Two-Year Olds in Training, Fasig-Tipton Florida, Palm Meadows Training Center, Boynton Beach, Fla. (859) 255-1555. March 25.
Two-Year-Olds in Training, Fasig-Tipton Texas, Lone Star Park, Grand Prairie, Tex. (972) 262-0000. April 3.
April Two-Year-Olds in Training, Keeneland, Lexington, Ky. (800) 456-3412. April 8.
Spring Two-Year-Olds in Training, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. April 22-25.

ASSOCIATION EVENTS

North Carolina Thoroughbred Association Awards dinner, Capital Club, Raleigh, N.C. (910) 352-5649. Feb. 2.

SPRING POINT-TO-POINTS

Thornton Hill Fort Valley, Sperryville, Va. March 2.
Blue Ridge, Berryville, Va. March 9.
Warrenton, Warrenton, Va. March 16.
Foxhall Farm Trophy Team Chase, Glyndon, Md. March 17.
Piedmont, Upperville, Va. March 23.
Green Spring Valley, Hunt Valley, Md. March 30.
Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds, Unionville, Pa. March 31.
Orange County, Middleburg, Va. March 31.
Elkridge-Harford, Monkton, Md. April 6.
Old Dominion, Ben Venue, Va. April 6.
Brandywine Hills, Northbrook, Pa. April 7.
Loudoun, Leesburg, Va. April 14.
Fair Hill, Fair Hill, Md. April 21.
Middleburg, Middleburg, Va. April 28.
Howard County-Iron Bridge, Ellicott City, Md. May 4.
Potomac, Potomac, Md. May 19.

SEMINARS

Penn Vet First Tuesdays Lecture Series, New Bolton Center, Kennett Square, Pa. Admission free. (610) 925-6500; phall@vet.upenn.edu; www.vet.upenn.edu/Calendarand Events. *Eye Cancer in Horses—What does it look like and what you can do about it,* Feb. 5; *Worrisome Wobbling: What to do for the neurologic horse,* March 5; *The Dope on New Drug Research and Testing,* April 3.
Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, "Tuesday Talks," Leesburg, Va. (703) 771-6843; www.vetmed.vt.edu/emc/news/events.asp; e-mail: speart@vt.edu. Lameness: Diagnosis and treatment of arthritis, Feb. 12; Acupuncture: Let's get to the point, March 12. Pre-registration required.
Mid-Atlantic Nutrition Conference, Maryland Feed Industry Council Inc., Timonium, Md. (301) 405-1392; www.manc.umd.edu; e-mail: ansc-extension@umd.edu. March 27, 28. Registration deadline March 15.

EVENTS

Horse World Expo, (301) 916-0852, fax (301) 916-0853; www.horse-worldexpo.com.
Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, Pa. Feb. 21-24.

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Looking Back

10 years ago

■ The National Thoroughbred Racing Association's inaugural Great State Challenge, which pitted runners selected by state breed associations to compete on a stakes-laden card, saw a strong showing by Maryland-breds, as four of the seven who traveled to Sam Houston Race Park in Houston, Tex., in early December finished in the money.

Sondra and Howard Bender's 7-year-old La Reine's Terms led the charge by winning the NTRA Great State Challenge Turf. Overlooked in the betting as favoritism fell to Florida-bred Forbidden Apple, who had been a close fourth in the Breeders' Cup Mile-G1 in his previous start, La Reine's Terms took charge in midstretch and went on to win by a half-length over Illinois-bred Mystery Giver. Forbidden Apple was third.

Other Maryland flagbearers—the Benders' Pickupspeed (Classic), ZWP Stable's Cherokee's Boy (Juvenile) and William Harris' Deer Run (Sprint)—picked up thirds. In the "state challenge" in which state-bred runners earned points, Maryland (29 points) finished third behind Kentucky (36) and Florida (34). Wrote *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* editor Lucy Acton: "Think that's a third-rate feat? Then consider that Kentucky and Florida together annually produce at least 10 times as many foals as Maryland."

The future of the Great State Challenge was uncertain, as the NTRA struggled with the costs of staging the event, in which the six stakes were worth a maximum of $275,000, including $50,000 from the breeders' associations in the participating states, and $50,000 from the Breeders' Cup (for nominated horses). And the format was less than ideal, noted Acton, as the only Mid-Atlantic state to participate was Maryland, since the event was restricted to states whose horsemen's associations were dues-paying members of NTRA (which excluded Pennsylvania). Other states in the region missed out for various reasons.

Although many in the industry supported it, the Great State Challenge was a one-hit wonder, a lack of sponsorship proving the primary reason for its termination.

PATRICIA MCQUEEN

La Reine's Terms carried Sondra Bender's colors to victory in the NTRA Great State Challenge Turf in Texas, with Horacio Karamanos aboard. At right is trainer Larry Murray.

■ Champion Pleasant Colony, winner of the 1981 Kentucky Derby-G1, Preakness Stakes-G1 and the Eclipse Award as that year's best 3-year-old, and one of the nation's most respected sires, died in his sleep at Blue Ridge Farm in Upperville, Va., Dec. 31. The retired stallion was 24.

Foaled and raised in Virginia at his owner/breeder Thomas Mellon Evans' Buckland Farm in Centreville, Pleasant Colony earned $965,383 from 14 career starts, entered stud at Evans' Buckland division in Kentucky, and eventually moved to Lane's End Farm. Among his runners from 18 crops to race were champions Pleasant Tap, Pleasant Stage, St. Jovite and State Shinto, and Belmont Stakes-G1 winner Colonial Affair.

Pleasant Colony was buried at Buckland, near the barn where he was foaled.

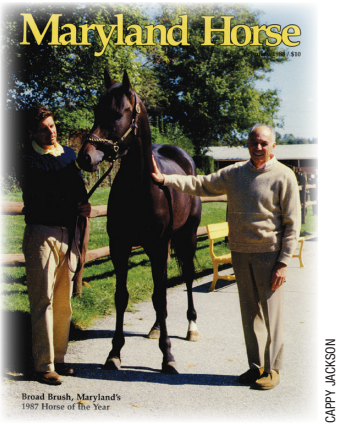
■ West Virginia's CANTER (Communication Alliance to Network Thoroughbred Ex-Racehorses) chapter, with a mission statement "to provide retiring racehorses with opportunities for new careers after the finish line," had assisted owners and trainers in selling, or "transitioning," 100 horses to non-racing-related homes from its Charles Town base.

Allie Conrad, executive director of the only CANTER affiliate in the Mid-Atlantic region, had a personal goal: "To find a home for each and every horse that comes off this track." Using the efforts of volunteers and a website, CANTER provided its services at no cost to sellers or buyers, and used it resources to educate potential buyers.

■ Citing a lack of high-end horses, the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed sale saw a dramatic drop in gross (30 percent) and average (17 percent) from the previous year and fell to a five-year low. But it could have been much worse.

An early December snowfall added excess weight to the roofs of two 80-by-400-foot tents used to house temporary stalls, causing the frames to buckle and the tents to collapse three days before the sale. Fortunately no people or horses were injured.

"I wish I could say that the fallen tents had an effect on the sale," said the sale's executive vice-president T. Mason Grasty. "But I don't believe that was the problem."



CAPPY JACKSON

Maryland-bred Horse of the Year Broad Brush graced the cover 25 years ago with trainer Dickie Small (left) and breeder/owner Robert Meyerhoff.

25 years ago

■ It was a tight race for Maryland-bred champion 2-year-old filly, but two out-of-town stakes wins propelled the roan Thirty Eight Go Go to the top, over Grade 1 winner Minstrel's Lassie, undefeated four-time stakes winner Sham Say and graded winners Betty Lobelia and Clever Power.

Trained by her breeder, King T. Leatherbury, for Janet and Morgan Wayson, Thirty Eight Go Go won the Maryland Million Lassie at Pimlico, Meadowlands' Grade 2 Gardenia Stakes and Aqueduct's Grade 3 Tempted Stakes, the latter two

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The classy Thirty Eight Go Go outdistanced a strong field to win the Maryland-bred 2-year-old filly championship of 1987.

by a combined 18 lengths. Her earnings of $328,410 propelled sire Thirty Eight Paces to second in the nation among freshman sires. The Waysons paid $17,500 for the future champion at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale.

Multimillionaire Broad Brush, winner of the Grade 1 Santa Anita (over Ferdinand) and Suburban Handicaps and two other graded stakes and third or better in all nine starts for the year, repeated as Maryland-bred Horse of the Year. He was runner-up in Eclipse Award balloting for the nation's older horse behind Ferdinand.

■ The decision by Cot Campbell to add a steeplechase division to Dogwood Stable resulted in an Eclipse Award 18 months later, with the stable's imported Inlander (GB) taking 1987 honors.

"We're very proud of that honor," said Campbell from his Aiken, S.C., base. "Steeplechasing people everywhere have been enormously receptive to our getting into the sport."

Trained by Charlie Fenwick Jr., Inlander captured two important late-season tests—the Crown Royal Steeplechase Handicap in Georgia, and the Colonial Cup in South Carolina. His $125,500 in earnings were boosted by a second in the $250,000 Breeders' Cup Steeplechase.

"I could have chosen a number of good people to train, but I'd known Charlie Fenwick for a while," noted Campbell. "Charlie is a splendid horseman."

■ Maryland-based Kent Desormeaux earned the Eclipse Award as the 1987 leading apprentice rider. The 17-year-old native of Louisiana won 297 races and nearly $3 million in purses before losing his bug in August—by year's end, he led the nation by races won with 450 victories.

Desormeaux was the fifth Maryland-based apprentice to take home an Eclipse Award, joining Chris McCarron (1974), Ronnie Franklin (1978), Alberto Delgado (1982) and Allen Stacy (1986).

50 years ago

■ "The six-week hiatus between the close of Pimlico and the opening of Bowie (Feb. 1) saw 9,565 fans hankering for action," noted Joe Hickey Jr.

Impressing the most on opening day was Bonny Johnny, winner of the E. Palmer Heagerty Stakes for Maryland-breds. The 3-year-old gelded son of *Sea Charger trained by James P. Simpson raced in the name of Hilltop Stables, owned by the O'Brien brothers—Donald and Larry of Richmond, Va., and Ed of Takoma Park, Md.

*Sea Charger, Ireland's Horse of the Year at 3, was imported by Larry MacPhail and stood at stud at MacPhail's Glenangus Farms in Bel Air. He was Maryland's leading sire of 2-year-olds in 1962, ahead of Rejected and Native Dancer.

■ A letter to the editor expressing disappointment in the selection of the best Maryland-bred 3-year-old filly of 1962 drew the following response from editor Snowden Carter:

"The editor and his staff apologize to Double Heritage, her sire, Blue Heritage and Mr. (Clayton) Doing for omitting Double Heritage from its 'Best In Maryland' poll. There can be no question that Double Heritage ranks at least a close second (if not an equal as indicated by her Free Handicap weight of 107 pounds) to All Brandy as the best of the 3-year-old filly division.

"When apprised of Mr. Doing's letter, Joe B. Hickey Jr., author of the story, spoke for all the poll participants when he said: 'The only thing I can say is that we blew it.'"

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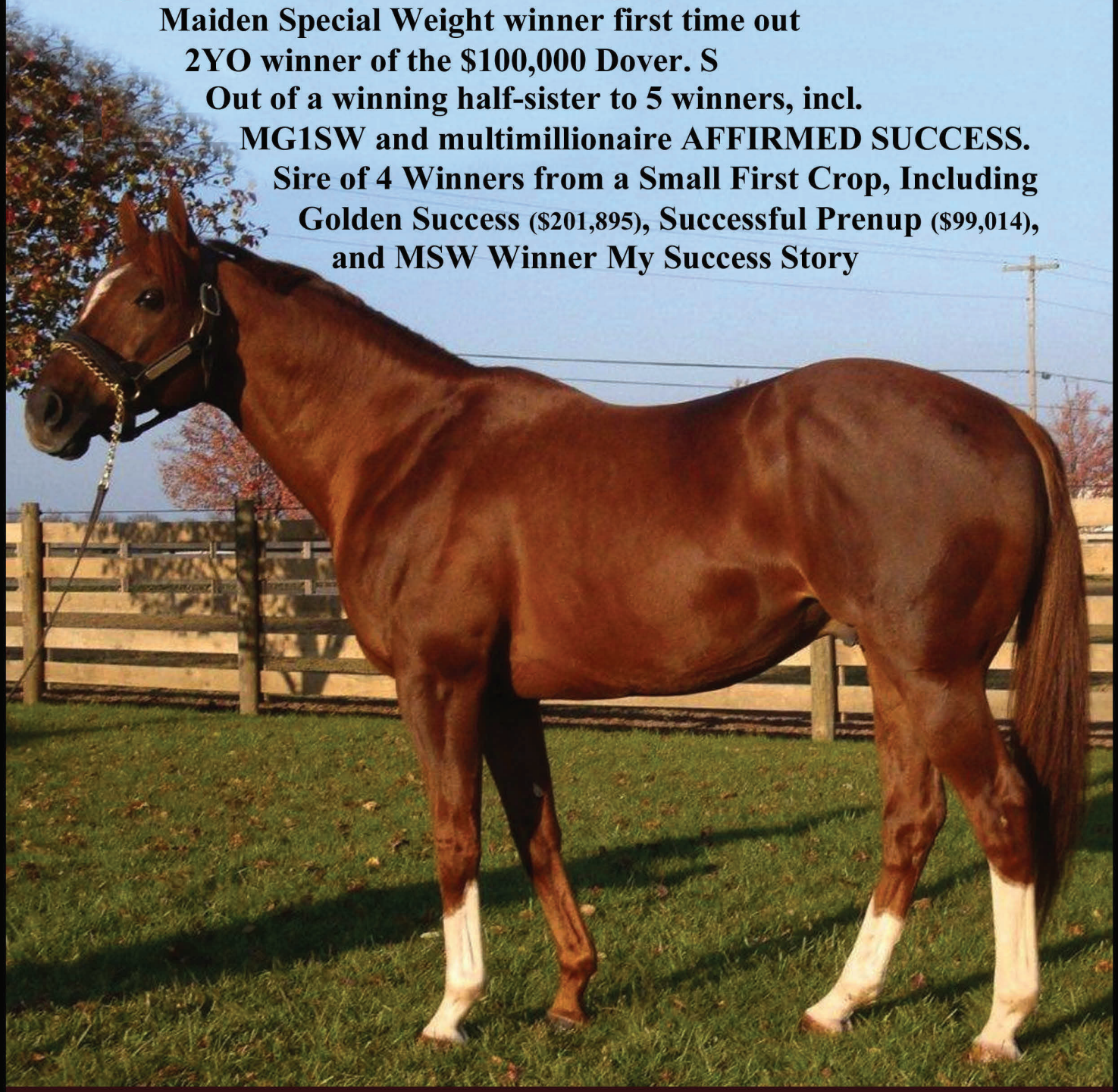

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